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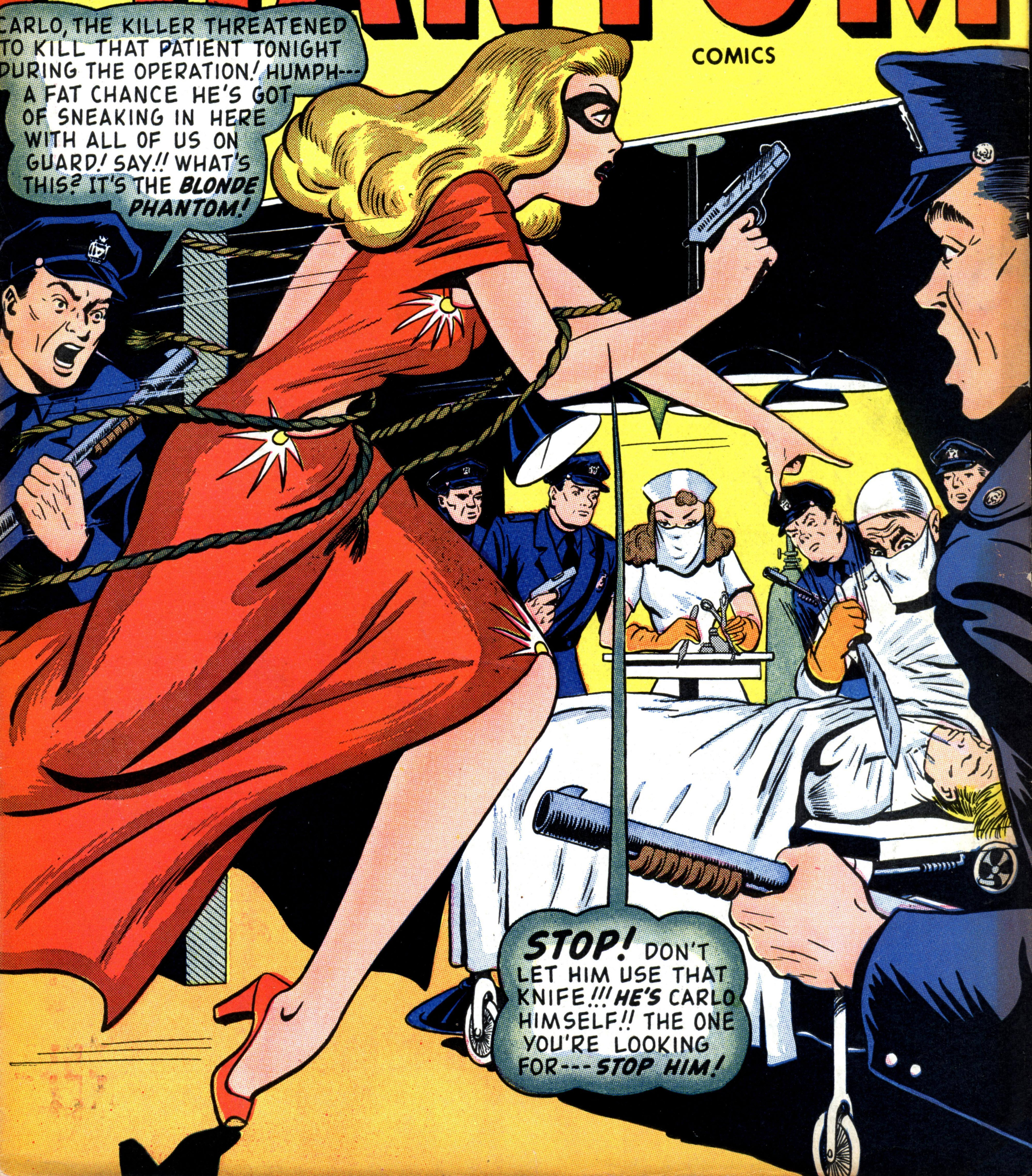
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FAITH IS A WONDERFUL WORD... AND TO HAVE FAITH IN THE MAN YOU LOVE, EVEN WHEN HE IS ACCUSED OF *MURDER*... THAT IS THE STUFF HEROIC DEEDS ARE MADE OF! AND WHO BUT THE *BLONDE PHANTOM* COULD GIVE HER FULL MEASURE OF HELP IN A CASE SUCH AS...
"JUSTICE FOR JIMMY SULLIVAN!"
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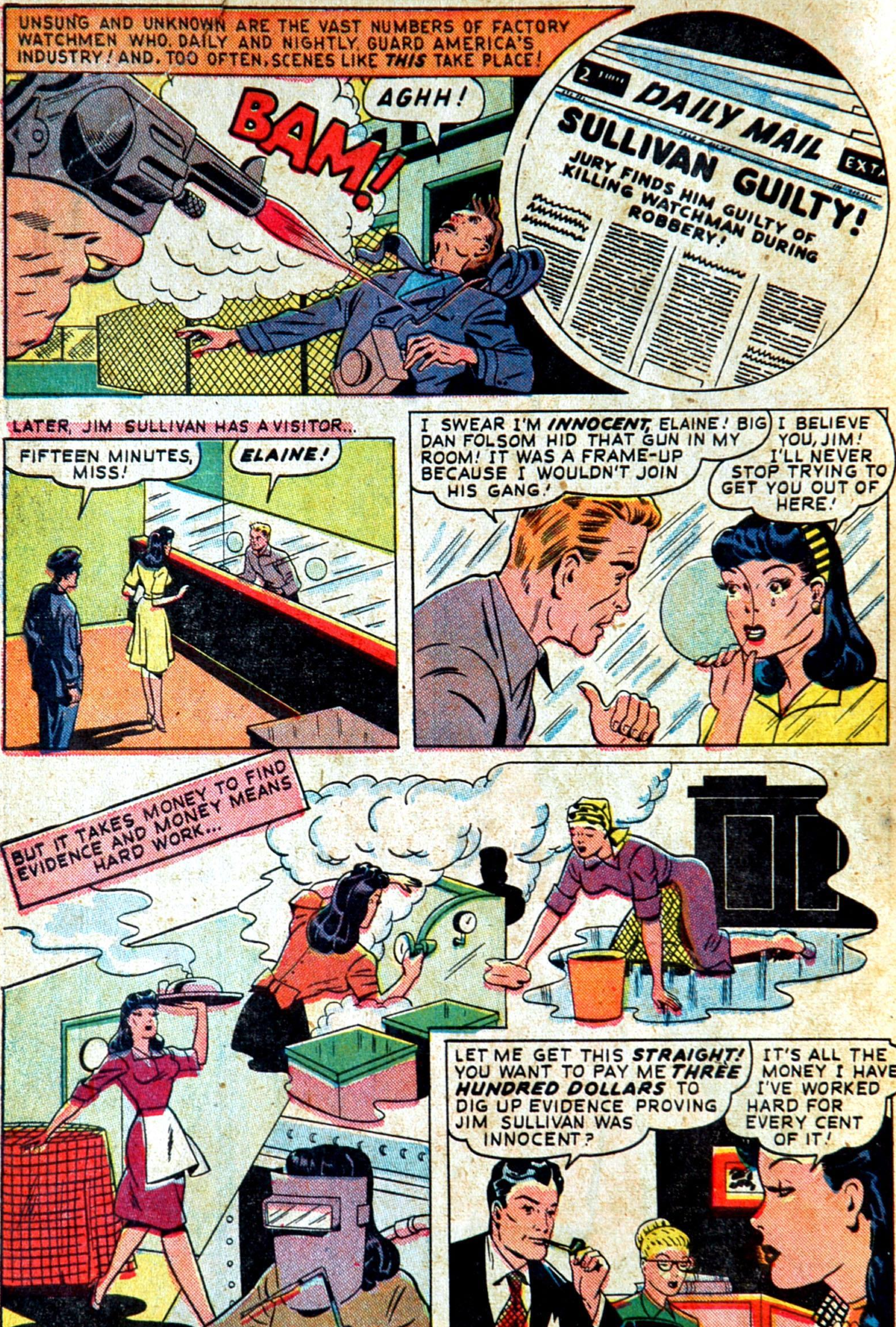
UNSUNG AND UNKNOWN ARE THE VAST NUMBERS OF FACTORY WATCHMEN WHO, DAILY AND NIGHTLY, GUARD AMERICA'S INDUSTRY! AND, TOO OFTEN, SCENES LIKE *THIS* TAKE PLACE!
BAM!
AGHH!
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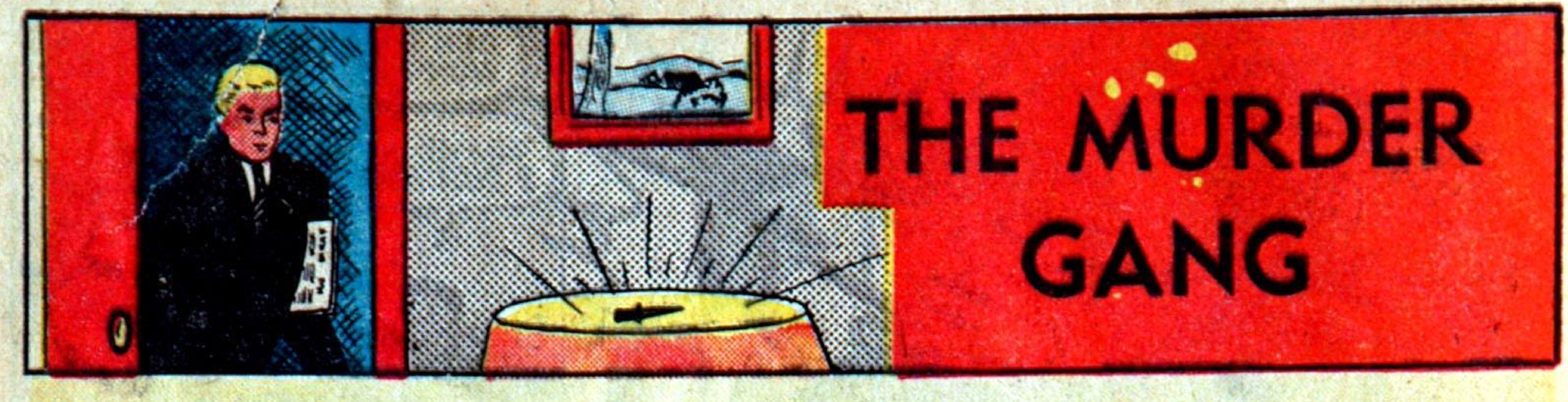
DAILY MAIL
EXTA
SULLIVAN GUILTY!
JURY FINDS HIM GUILTY OF KILLING WATCHMAN DURING ROBBERY!
LATER, JIM SULLIVAN HAS A VISITOR...
FIFTEEN MINUTES, MISS!
ELAINE!
I SWEAR I'M *INNOCENT,* ELAINE! BIG DAN FOLSOM HID THAT GUN IN MY ROOM! IT WAS A FRAME-UP BECAUSE I WOULDN'T JOIN HIS GANG!
I BELIEVE YOU, JIM! I'LL NEVER STOP TRYING TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE!
BUT IT TAKES MONEY TO FIND EVIDENCE AND MONEY MEANS HARD WORK...
LET ME GET THIS *STRAIGHT!* YOU WANT TO PAY ME *THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS* TO DIG UP EVIDENCE PROVING JIM SULLIVAN WAS INNOCENT?
IT'S ALL THE MONEY I HAVE! I'VE WORKED HARD FOR EVERY CENT OF IT!

IT WASN'T EASY, MR. MASON! YOU SEE, I SPENT SOME MONEY INVESTIGATING ON MY OWN! BUT I FOUND IT WAS PRETTY HOPELESS! THAT'S WHY I CAME TO YOU!
IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR FOR ME TO ACCEPT THE CASE! I'VE SEEN THE EVIDENCE, AND IT LOOKS OPEN AND SHUT TO ME! YOUR BOY FRIEND'S GUILTY OF MURDER!
HE'S NOT! I'LL PROVE YOU'RE WRONG!
POOR GIRL! I FEEL SORRY FOR HER! SHE'S SO IN LOVE WITH THE GUY, THAT SHE CAN'T FACE FACTS!
I WONDER! I'D LIKE TO TALK TO HER!
EXCUSE ME, MARK! I'VE GOT TO RUN AN ERRAND!
SLAM!
MISS BROWN! WAIT A MINUTE, PLEASE!
I WANT TO TALK TO... OH, OH! TROUBLE!
THAT'S HER!
RAT-A-TAT-TAT!
DOWN!
WHE-EW! SOMEBODY MISTOOK YOU FOR A CLAY PIGEON IN A SHOOTING GALLERY!
THEY-THEY TRIED TO KILL ME!

THAT WAS THE GENERAL IDEA! THEY CAME MIGHTY CLOSE, TOO! WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO TAKE POT SHOTS AT YOU?
I-I CAN'T IMAGINE! UNLESS IT WAS SOMEONE WHO'D FOUND OUT THAT I WAS INVESTIGATING THE NIGHT WATCHMAN'S MURDER!
THEY WOULDN'T ATTEMPT ANOTHER MURDER UNLESS THEY WERE WORRIED THAT SHE MIGHT PROVE JIM SULLIVAN'S INNOCENCE! THAT POINTS THE FINGER PRETTY CLEARLY AT **BIG DAN FOLSOM!**
YOU GO ALONG HOME, ELAINE, AND LOCK YOURSELF IN YOUR ROOM WHERE YOU'LL BE SAFE! I'M GOING TO GET THE ***BLONDE PHANTOM*** TO HELP YOU!
LATER, IN THE PRIVACY OF HER HOME, LOUISE GRANT UNDERGOES A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION INTO ***THE BLONDE PHANTOM!***
THE CHIEF TESTIMONY AGAINST SULLIVAN CAME FROM PINKY DESMOND, A SMALL TIME GANGSTER AND GUNMAN! I'LL PAY HIM A VISIT!
BUT THERE'S ***ONE*** DETAIL I'D BETTER ARRANGE FOR ELAINE BROWN TO HANDLE-OR VISITING PINKY WILL BE A WASTE OF TIME!
LATER, IN PINKY DESMOND'S FURNISHED ROOM...
SULLIVAN'S GIRL ESCAPED OUR TRAP! THE HEAT MAY REALLY BE ON NOW! THIS DOUGH WILL SEE YOU SAFELY OUT OF TOWN!
THANKS, BIG DAN! I NEED A VACATION BEFORE THE COPS START ASKING ***TOO*** MANY QUESTIONS!
THEN YOU WON'T MIND IF ***I*** ASK QUESTIONS!
THE BLONDE PHANTOM!

EVEN THOUGH I CAN GUESS *MOST* OF THE ANSWERS!
BANG!
CRASH!
DON'T MOVE, PINKY, OR YOU WON'T LIVE TO REGRET IT!
GIMME A BREAK! **I SURRENDER!**
JIM SULLIVAN DIDN'T KILL THE WATCHMAN, DID HE? *TALK!*
N...NO! BIG DAN PULLED THE TRIGGER! I WAS WITH HIM ON THE JOB! LATER HE MADE ME HIDE THE GUN IN SULLIVAN'S ROOM! *HONEST!* THAT'S THE *TRUTH!*
THAT CONFESSION WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD, PHANTOM! I'LL GET PINKY TO DENY IT IN COURT!
I THOUGHT OF *THAT!* SO I ARRANGED A *LITTLE SURPRISE!*
ELAINE BROWN'S TESTIMONY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED PREJUDICED! BUT ANY JUDGE AND JURY WILL BE GLAD TO ACCEPT A WIRE RECORDING OF PINKY'S CONFESSION AS EVIDENCE!
WHY---YOU!
AND NOW, GENTLEMEN, IF YOU DON'T MIND, WE HAVE A DATE WITH THE *POLICE!*
THE BLONDE PHANTOM WAS ENTITLED TO A REWARD FOR NABBING THAT WATCHMAN KILLER! BUT SHE GAVE IT TO JIM SULLIVAN AND HIS GIRL FOR A WEDDING PRESENT! I *CAN'T* UNDERSTAND HER!
THE BLONDE PHANTOM PROBABLY GOT HER REWARD JUST SEEING JUSTICE DONE!
THE END



THE MURDER GANG

TOM BENTON, ace cub reporter and photographer for the City Star-Journal, unlocked the door to his apartment. As he stepped in, he saw on the center of a table a miniature dagger with a ruby set in the hilt. The calling card of the Murder With Finesse Gang, a gang that had terrorized the city for ten years.

The dagger lay on top of a note. Tom read the note: "Your time has come. We warned you to lay off writing about us."

Tom knew now his hunches had been right. Two weeks after he had started with Star-Journal, he had begun to write about the Murder With Finesse Gang. Actually he had had no facts, but by using his imagination, he had written how he figured the gang must operate. No one had ever been able to get any clues as to who was the leader or where the gang had its hideout. It was evident now that Tom's ideas must have been right, because now the gang was out to kill him.

The writing was the same as on the previous notes he had gotten warning him to quit writing about the Murder With Finesse Gang. Tom smiled. Tom knew he was going to see the gang at last.

Tom walked into his bedroom and opened the closet door. He looked straight into the muzzles of two automatics, held by two men standing in the closet.

"Greetings," said one man in a silky tone. "I'm Jake, and this is Billy."

Tom controlled his nerves. "It's a pleasure to meet two members of the famous Murder With Finesse Gang."

"Fine," laughed Billy. "We're going to give you the pleasure of meeting the big boss too. That is, before you get bumped off."

"I imagine I'll be shown all the courtesies that are usually given to your victims," said Tom.

Jake bowed low. "Absolutely. You will be taken to our hideout. Meet the big boss for a chat. Be electrocuted in our own death chamber. You know we never murder messily. Then, as with all our victims, your body will be dumped off at the Police Station just for the laughs."

Tom grinned. "Since you boys do things so prettily, I'm sure you won't mind if I change this old suit I'm wearing."

Jake laughed heartily. "You're a cool one, Benton. Go ahead. Pretty yourself, we'll wait."

Tom selected a snappy tan single-breasted suit from the closet. He took off his old suit. He slipped into the tan trousers. He went to his bureau drawer and took out a belt. He slipped the belt on. Then, he put on a clean white shirt and a colorful tie. Tom slipped on his coat. He undid his wristwatch and picked up another wristwatch from the top of the bureau. "Quite a watch," remarked Jake. "Kind of funny looking, isn't it?"

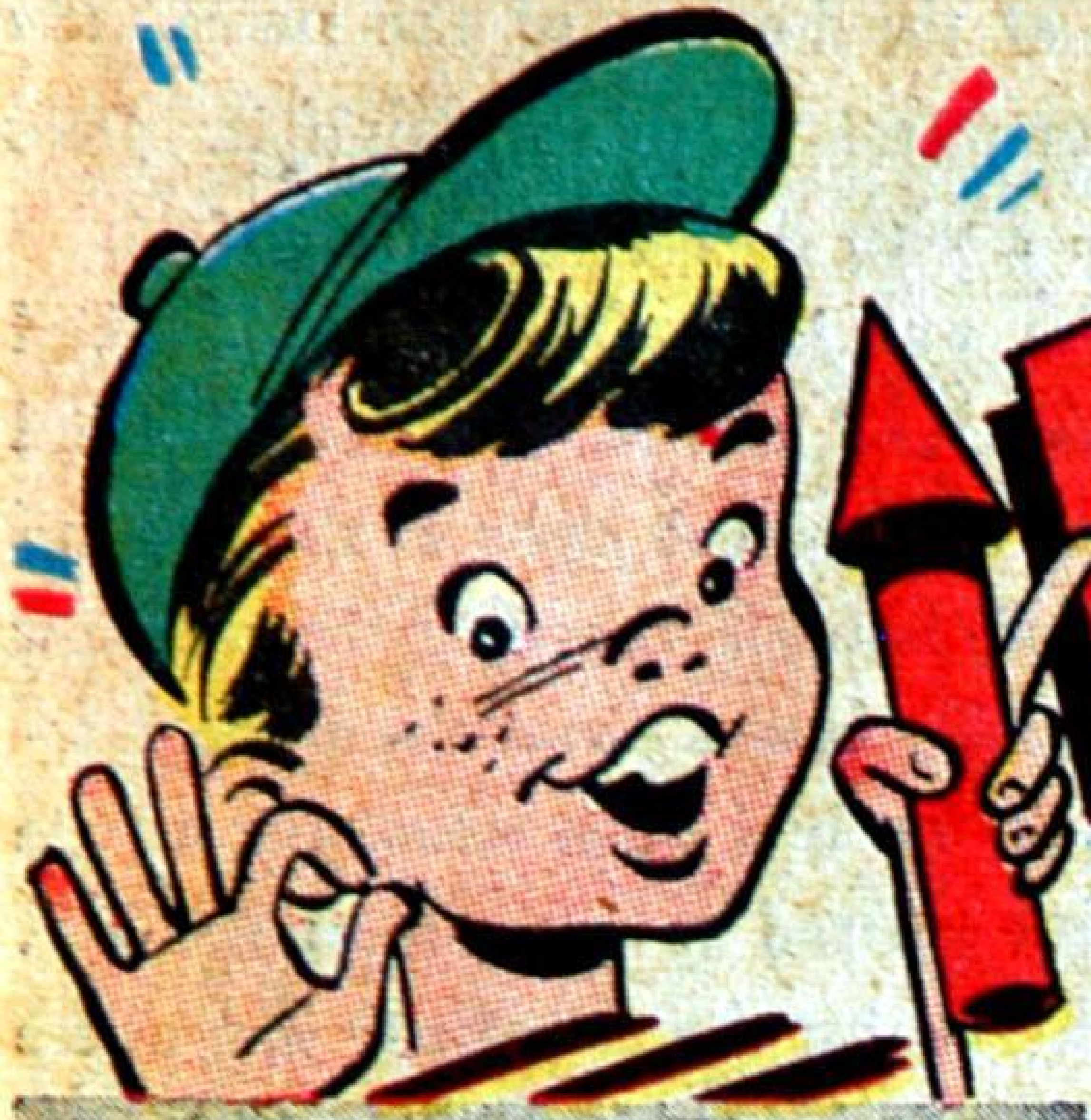
Tom said, "Just a novel arrangement of the dial I had made special for me." Tom strapped the wristwatch on.

Tom, Jake and Billy left the apartment. They got into a black limousine. A chauffeur was in the driver's seat. He pulled away from the curb as soon as the three men settled in the rear seat.

After they had driven out of the city, Jake pulled out a black cloth and blindfolded Tom. They rode for two hours, and then the limousine pulled off onto a lonely country road. In a half hour they were at their destination.

Tom was led into an old stone house. Jake said quietly, "Sit down, Mr. Benton, the boss is coming in." Tom sat down cautiously. His nerves were beginning to become a bit unsteady. It bothered him to be blindfolded.

Tom heard footsteps and then a soft voice spoke, "Good evening, Mr. Benton. I'm the chief. To get down to business rapidly, would you mind



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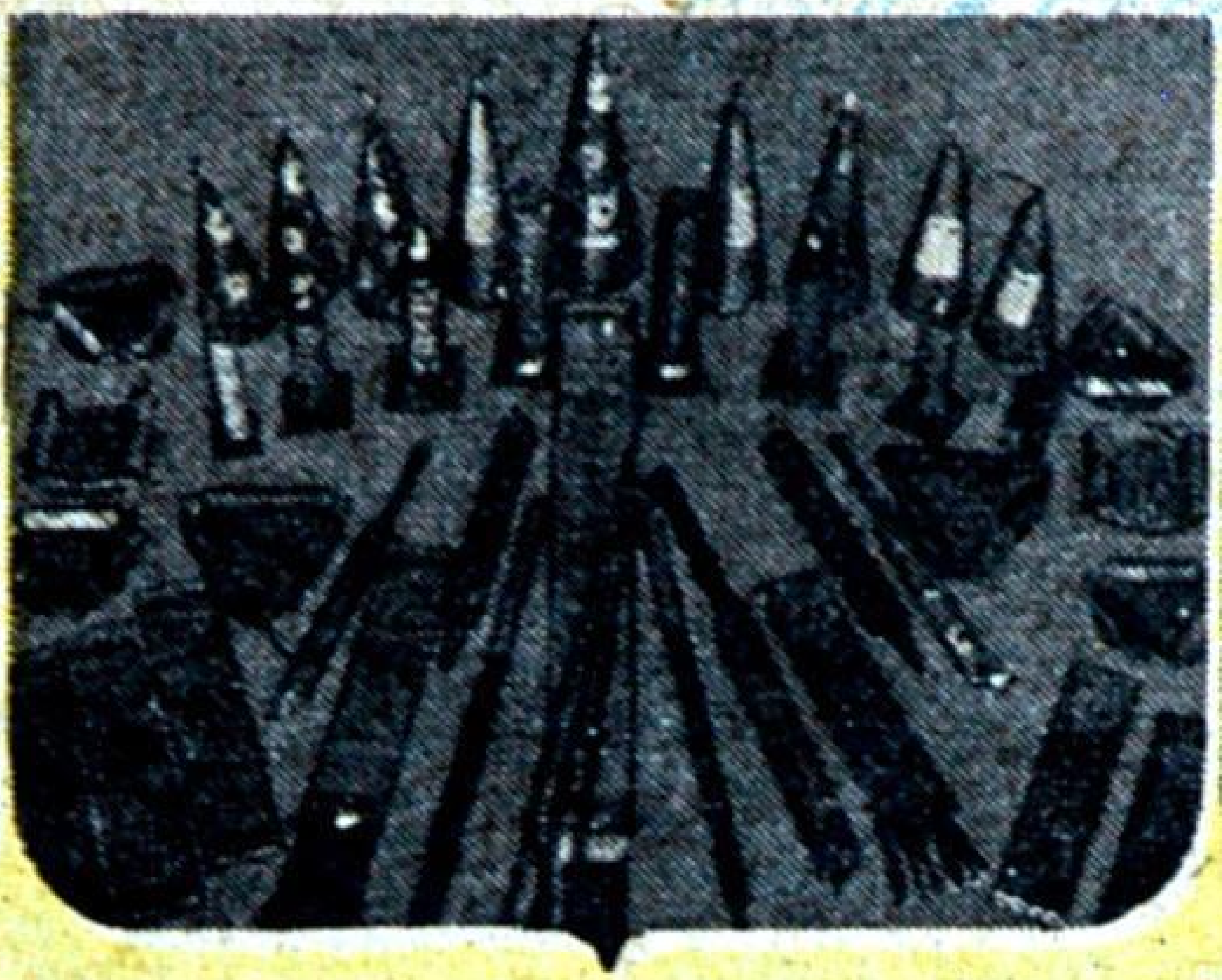

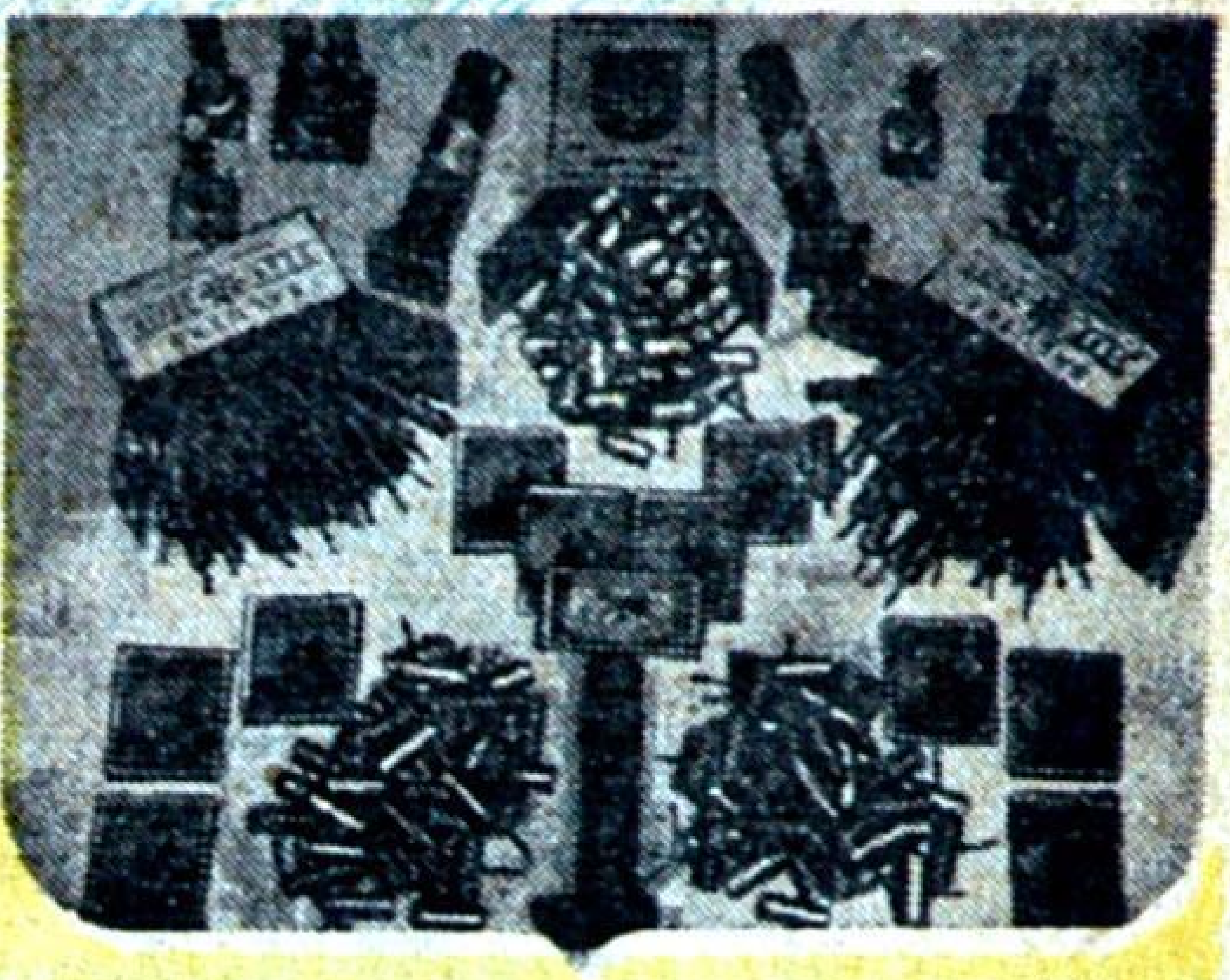

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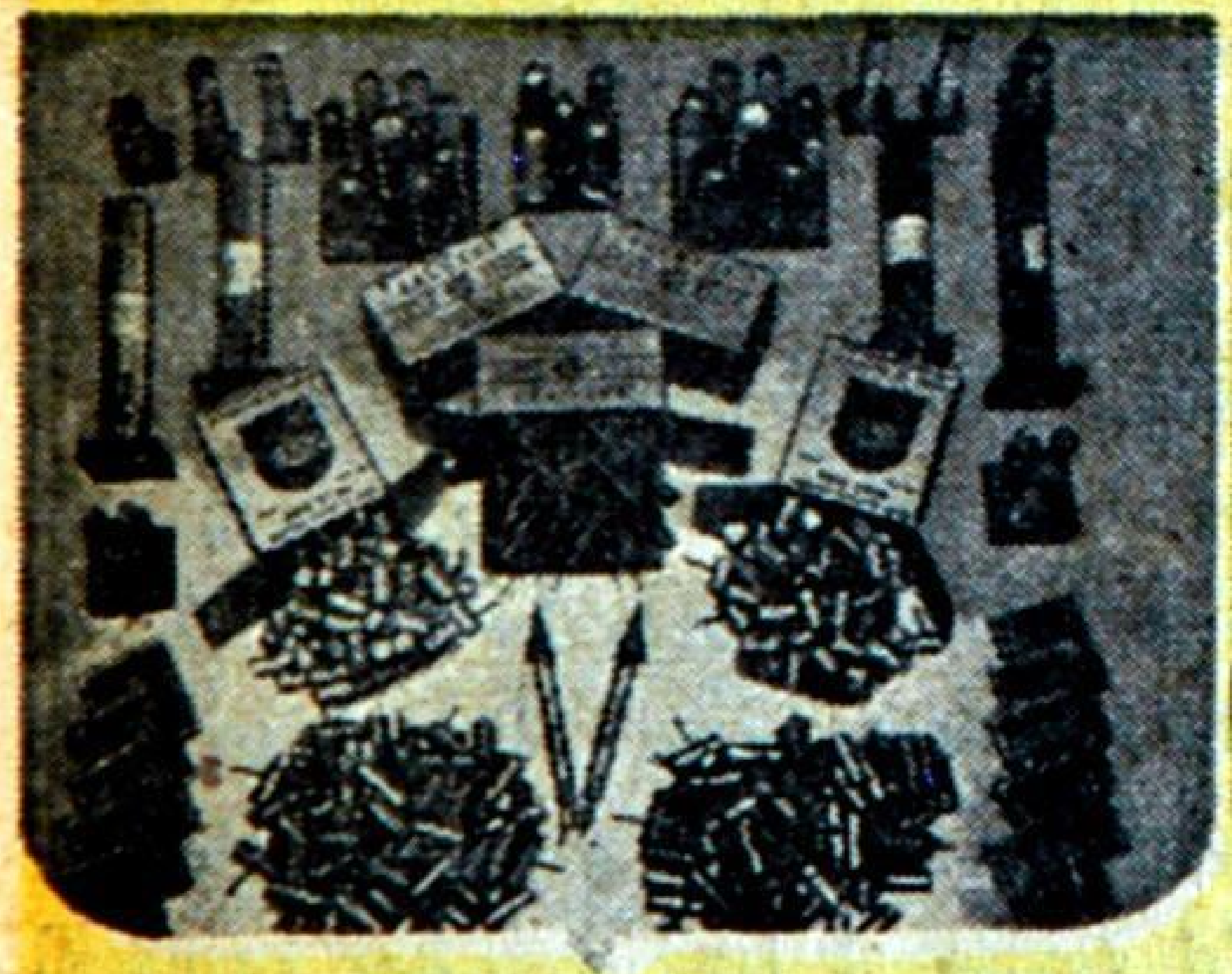

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telling me how you got to know so much about us?"

From the sound of the chief's voice Tom figured he was sitting about opposite him. Tom fingered his wristwatch and then spoke, "Frankly, I just guessed at your operations. You worked so smoothly I was like everyone else, I didn't have any concrete evidence."

"How unfortunate you guessed so accurately," murmured the chief. "For. now you've met me, I *can't* let you go."

Tom forced a smile. The chief continued, "Certainly you must have known from our warnings that if you didn't stop writing about us we'd be forced to eliminate you . . . or did you keep on writing because you *wanted* to meet me!"

"Maybe," snapped Tom.

The chief snorted, "I think you've got nerve to think you could meet me and then escape. Benton, did you really think you could match wits with the leader of the Murder With Finesse Gang?"

By the closeness of the chief's voice Tom could tell he was now standing in front of him.

The chief then suddenly noticed Tom's wristwatch. He scowled and looked at the wristwatch carefully. Tom felt the chief undoing the watch. Then, the chief roared with laughter as he inspected the watch.

"Hey, Jake and Billy! Look at what the kid thought he was going to get away with."

"What is it?" cried Jake and Billy.

The chief snickered, "Why this *isn't* a wristwatch; it's a little *camera!* The kid thought he was going to get a picture of me and then somehow escape."

Tom heard a grinding noise and then a tinkle. His camera was smashed beneath the heel of the chief. Tom's face fell. The chief gloated, "Look at him, boys! His pet plan smashed right under his nose. Take him away and fry him in the electric chair."

Jake and Billy probed Tom with their guns. Tom rose and walked straight ahead. Jake warned Tom they were going down some stairs. Tom tensed himself. He felt his foot hit the first step. Then Tom dove down the stairs. As he flew through the air, he ripped off his blindfold. Tom hit the landing at the bottom of the stairs. He saw an open door and darted through it. Jake and Billy let loose with a volley of bullets.

Tom found he was in the cellar and rushed into another room and locked the door behind him. A basement window was open at the ground level. Tom pulled himself through the window just as Jake and Billy broke down the door.

Tom saw the car he had been taken for a ride in. The chauffeur started to get out of the car. Tom left his feet and hit the chauffeur just as he got out. In a flash Tom was in the car and away. He heard the chief scream from the window, "Let the sucker go. He hasn't seen me. We'll pick him up later."

Tom sped to the City Star-Journal building. He raced into the darkroom. Fifteen minutes later he emerged and burst into the editor's office.

Mr. Randell, the editor, looked up in surprise. "What's this, Benton?" he cried.

"Mr. Randell," panted Tom, "I've got a picture of the leader of the Murder With Finesse Gang!" Tom shoved the picture in front of him.

"Why," gasped Mr. Randell, "that's Ed Roder, the county prosecutor!"

"Right," yelled Tom, "and also he's the leader of the Murder With Finesse Gang!"

Then Tom told Mr. Randell the story of how he was captured and how he escaped.

"But I don't understand," questioned Mr. Randell. "You told me they blindfolded you and smashed your wristwatch camera."

"Yeah," laughed Tom, "but I could tell from the chief's voice about where to aim the cameras. I took several shots. You see, the leader smashed my wristwatch camera, but *not* the camera I had on my belt which looked like a belt buckle. I figured the leader might be smart enough to spot my wrist camera, but after he'd smashed that, I didn't think he'd realize I had *another* camera, the one on my belt!"

"Great work, Benton," exclaimed Mr. Randell. "I'll turn this information over to the proper authorities, immediately! The gang will be taken care of now. And, Benton, you're no longer a cub reporter, but a full-fledged one."

"Thanks," grinned Tom and walked to his desk.

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STAMP NEWS

By KENT B. STILES

In these columns recently we discussed the 1948 stamp-issuing program of the Post Office Department. We mentioned the Carver, California Gold Centennial, Francis Scott Key, Gold Star Mothers and Wisconsin Statehood Centenary stamps as either already issued or definitely coming, and we concluded: "Undoubtedly other stamps will be issued during 1948."

By the time that summary and prediction got into print in this magazine Uncle Sam's postal chief at Washington had made available other interesting news.

One of these news morsels as announced by Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson was that a 3-cent maroon stamp would appear on April 7 to mark the 150th anniversary of the organizing of Mississippi Territory, in 1798. Most of you collectors have likely obtained this sesquicentennial commemorative by now. It bears a map of the Territory and a portrait of Winthrop Sargent (1753-1820), who in 1798-1801 was the Territory's first Governor. Soldier, surveyor, Indian fighter and writer, Sargent is a newcomer to philately's gallery.

Mr. Donaldson promised three other stamps this year in honor of men not hitherto postally remembered.

One of these stamps will bear a likeness of Joel Chandler Harris (1848-1908), creator of the fictional and immortal "Uncle Remus" character of the South. It was on Dec. 9, 1848, that the Georgia journalist and poet was born, and the stamp is scheduled for release on this coming Dec. 9, this making it a centenary item.

The second of the three will present a portrait of Will Rogers (1879-1935), the humorist, political commentator, writer and actor who was killed in an airplane crash in Alaska.

The third will pay tribute to four Army Chaplains who perished heroically when the transport Dorchester was torpedoed in the North Atlantic in February of 1943. They were the Rev. George L. Fox, a Methodist; Alexander Goode, a Jewish rabbi; the Rev. Clark V. Poling, a Baptist; the Rev. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic. The four surrendered their life jackets to soldiers and were seen standing on deck, with arms locked, and praying, when the ship went down.

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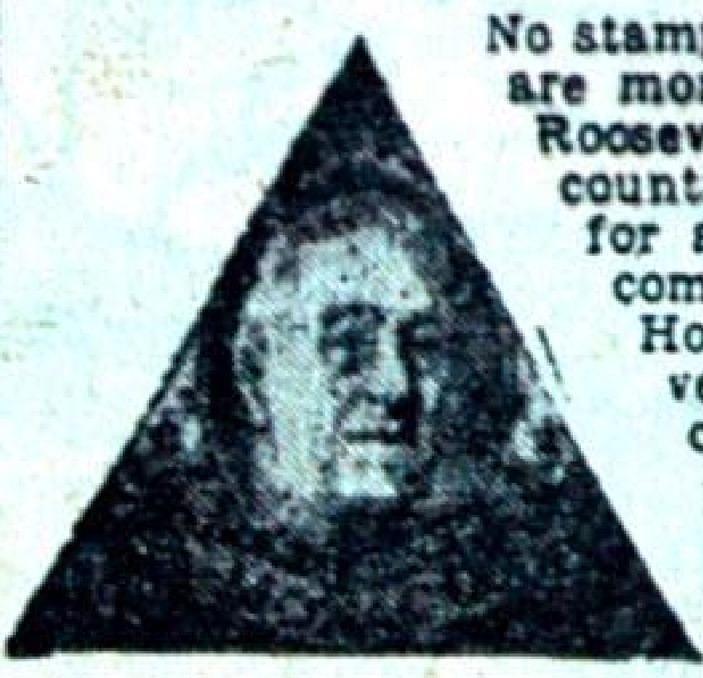

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AT THE STATE PENITENTIARY FOR WOMEN, THE WARDEN DISCHARGES TWO INMATES, DORA SCOTT-AND A WOMAN KNOWN AS DR. DEMISE...
TODAY YOU TWO WOMEN ARE FREE TO GO OUT AND MAKE A NEW START!
THANK YOU, WARDEN!
SURELY, DR. DEMISE, A WOMAN OF YOUR INTELLIGENCE AND TRAINING WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE FINDING A POSITION, EVEN THOUGH YOUR LICENSE HAS BEEN REVOKED!
I INTEND TO GO INTO RESEARCH WORK!
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GOOD LUCK TO BOTH OF YOU!
THANK YOU, WARDEN! I TRUST YOU WON'T TAKE OFFENSE IF I SAY I DON'T INTEND TO SEE ***YOU*** AGAIN!
BUT THOUGH SHE SPEAKS LIGHTLY, DEEP WITHIN A SEETHING HATRED BURNS...
YES, WARDEN! I'M GOING TO DO RESEARCH WORK! ***RESEARCH*** ON THE ***DESTRUCTION*** OF THE ***BLONDE PHANTOM*** AND THAT ***STUPID DETECTIVE,*** MARK MASON!
WELL, WHAT'S OUR FIRST MOVE, DOC? YOU SAID YOU HAD A SCHEME UP YOUR SLEEVE!
I HAVE! AND ***YOU,*** DORA SCOTT, ARE PART OF IT! YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME EVEN UP AN OLD SCORE!
AN HOUR LATER, THE WOMEN ARRIVE AT THEIR DESTINATION!
NO KIDDING, DOC! IS THIS LAYOUT ***REALLY*** YOURS?
NOW MAYBE YOU'LL BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU THAT I WAS ONCE ONE OF THE ***FOREMOST MEDICAL MINDS IN THE COUNTRY!***
YEAH! MAYBE I WILL BELIEVE YOU! BUT HOW COME SOMEONE LIKE YOU HAS BEEN SPENDING TWO YEARS ROTTING UP IN ***THAT*** PLACE?
BECAUSE OF THAT ***MEDDLING BLONDE PHANTOM!*** I WAS ON THE VERGE OF A ***GREAT*** DISCOVERY IN PLASTIC SURGERY— BUT I NEEDED ***GUINEA PIGS! HUMAN ONES!***
THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION REFUSED TO LET ME EXPERIMENT, SO I STARTED TO GO AHEAD ANYWAY! I WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED, TOO, IF THE BLONDE PHANTOM HADN'T STOPPED ME! MY LICENSE WAS ***REVOKED*** AND MY WORK ***STOPPED!*** BUT IN A FEW WEEKS ***I SHALL HAVE MY REVENGE!***
WHERE DO ***I*** COME IN?
YOU, MY DEAR, ARE GOING TO BECOME ***THE BLONDE PHANTOM!***
WHAT? ME? ***YES... SURE!*** ANYTHING YOU SAY, DR. DEMISE!

SEVERAL WEEKS LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF MARK MASON, PRIVATE DETECTIVE...
THIS LETTER! MARK, COME HERE!
WHAT'S UP, LOUISE?
I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT HER! WHAT DO YOU THINK SHE'LL DO, MARK?
IT'S JUST A CRANK NOTE, LOUISE! SHE WON'T DARE TRY ANYTHING AGAIN! THE POLICE WOULD PICK HER UP TOO QUICKLY!
DR. DEMISE IS NOW FREE, AND SHE HASN'T FORGOTTEN!
DR. DEMISE! THE PLASTIC SURGEON WHO THOUGHT SHE COULD CREATE A NEW PERSONALITY BY HYPNOSIS TO GO WITH A NEW FACE! I WONDER...
AND WELL LOUISE GRANT MIGHT WONDER, IF SHE COULD HAVE SEEN THE EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEKS!
NOW—THE LIVING PROOF OF MY GENIUS! THE CREATION OF THE BLONDE PHANTOM!
HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAVE TO KEEP THESE BANDAGES ON?
BE PATIENT! THERE MUST BE NO CHANCE OF FAILURE! THIS OPERATION MUST BE PERFECT!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUR NEW FACE?
HEY! I LOOK JUST LIKE THE BLONDE PHANTOM!
WRONG AGAIN, MY DEAR! YOU ARE THE BLONDE PHANTOM! YOU ARE THE BLONDE PHANTOM!
YES, DR. DEMISE! I... AM THE BLONDE PHANTOM!
THAT NIGHT ON BROADWAY...
LOOK! IT'S THE BLONDE PHANTOM!
I AM THE BLONDE PHANTOM!

PEOPLE ARE SHOCKED TO SEE...
I AM THE BLONDE PHANTOM!
OOOH!
BANG
THE NEXT MORNING'S PAPERS CARRY A STRANGE STORY...
THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE! THE BLONDE PHANTOM WOULDN'T...
WHAT?
DAILY ◇ HERALD
BLONDE PHANTOM KILLS MAN IN COLD BLOOD!
WITNESSES IDENTIFY FORMER CRIME FIGHTER...
LOUISE, I'M GOING DOWN TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS! MAYBE THEY'LL HAVE A LEAD FOR ME!
WHO IS POSING AS ME?
DR. DEMISE! SHE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH ALL THIS! BUT IF I GO TO SEE HER AS THE BLONDE PHANTOM, THE POLICE WILL PICK ME UP! BUT I'LL HAVE TO RISK IT!
AT THIS EXACT MOMENT, IN ANOTHER SECTION OF TOWN...
I AM THE BLONDE PHANTOM!
IT'S THE BLONDE PHANTOM AGAIN! SHE'S GONE CRAZY!
BANG!
LATER...
WERE YOU SUCCESSFUL?
YES! I DID EXACTLY AS YOU SAID!
YOU DID WELL! NOW SLEEP—SLEEP!
AND NOW IF I DON'T MISS MY GUESS, THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO BRING A VISIT FROM THE BLONDE PHANTOM HERSELF!

RIGHT AGAIN, DR. DEMISE! FOR AT THIS EXACT MOMENT...
THERE'S A LIGHT IN THAT ROOM! THAT'S WHERE SHE MUST BE!
THEN IT *IS* YOU, DR. DEMISE!
THE BLONDE PHANTOM! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
SO *THAT'S* THE PERSON WHO'S BEEN KILLING IN *MY* NAME! SHE DOES LOOK *EXACTLY* LIKE ME!
SHE *NOT* ONLY *LOOKS* LIKE THE BLONDE PHANTOM, SHE *IS* THE BLONDE PHANTOM!
SHE IS THE BLONDE PHANTOM! YOU ARE *NO ONE! YOU DON'T EXIST!* DO YOU UNDERSTAND? *YOU DON'T EXIST!*
I FEEL SO *ODD!* SHE'S TRYING TO HYPNOTIZE ME!
SLEEP! SLEEP!
I'M SO *SLEEPY!* BUT I'VE *GOT* TO RESIST HER! I'VE *GOT* TO!
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INTRICATE AND THOROUGH IS THE PLAN OF DR. CARLA DEMISE! AN HOUR LATER, DORA, AS THE BLONDE PHANTOM, ENTERS THE OFFICE OF MARK MASON...
BLONDE PHANTOM! I'M *SO* RELIEVED TO SEE YOU! TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENED!
MARK, TRUST ME! YOU *HAVE* TO COME WITH ME!
OF COURSE, I TRUST YOU! I KNOW THIS CAN ALL BE EXPLAINED!
I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING LATER!

MINUTES LATER...
DR. DEMISE!
I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS MOMENT, MARK MASON!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO DO?
TONIGHT YOU SHALL **DESTROY** YOURSELF, MARK MASON! AND WITH YOU SHALL DIE YOUR **REPUTATION AS A FIGHTER OF CRIME!**
YOU SHALL **DESTROY**, AS I'LL MAKE OTHERS LIKE YOU DESTROY—**ALL** OF YOU WHO ARE ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW! AND I SHALL CREATE OTHERS TO TAKE YOUR PLACES, AS I HAVE CREATED A **NEW** BLONDE PHANTOM!
YOU'RE CRAZY! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE BLONDE PHANTOM?
FORGET HER! THERE IS A NEW ONE TO TAKE HER PLACE! **FORGET! FORGET!**
I FEEL SO STRANGE!
GET READY, BLONDE PHANTOM! TONIGHT I SHALL ACCOMPANY YOU TO WASHINGTON SQUARE TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO MISTAKES!
AFTER THEY HAVE LEFT, THE REAL BLONDE PHANTOM ATTEMPTS TO RISE...
OH! I FEEL SO GROGGY! GOT TO SNAP OUT OF IT... GOT TO HELP MARK! GOT TO STOP DR. DEMISE OR SHE'LL ACTUALLY CARRY OUT THAT **MAD PLAN** OF HERS!
A FEW MINUTES LATER... THE STRONG MIND OF THE BLONDE PHANTOM CLEARS!
THIS FELLOW IS HEADED IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF WASHINGTON SQUARE! I'VE GOT TO BEAT THEM THERE!
AT THE SQUARE SHE SEES...
MARK, YOU **MUST** KILL THAT POLICEMAN! **HE IS YOUR ENEMY!**
ENEMY! **MUST KILL!**

MARK! STOP! MARK!
THE BLONDE PHANTOM! KILL HER, MARK!
THE CONFUSED MIND OF MARK CAN ONLY FOLLOW ORDERS!
MUST KILL HER!
MARK! DON'T LISTEN TO HER! IT'S ME—THE BLONDE PHANTOM! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? THE BLONDE PHANTOM!
RISKING ALL, THE BLONDE PHANTOM STRUGGLES AGAINST THE HYPNOSIS OF THE EVIL DR. DEMISE...
THE BLONDE PHANTOM? WHAT'S HAPPENING? I FEEL SO FUNNY!
KILL THEM! KILL THEM BOTH!
BUT SOMETHING STRONGER THAN HYPNOSIS IS AT WORK!
NOT SO FAST, MY FRIEND!
---KILL HER!
THAT'S FOR YOU, MY REASONABLE FACSIMILE!
NOW I REMEMBER!
NO, YOU DON'T, DR. DEMISE! YOU'RE GOING DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS TO TELL THEM A VERY INTERESTING STORY!
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AFTER THE SITUATION HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO AN AMAZED POLICE DEPARTMENT...
YOU KNOW, MARK, WHEN YOU POINTED THAT GUN AT ME, I WAS REALLY WORRIED FOR A WHILE!
I NEVER COULD HAVE HURT YOU, BLONDE PHANTOM! I HATE TO SOUND CORNY, BUT LOVE IS STILL A STRONGER FORCE THAN EVIL!
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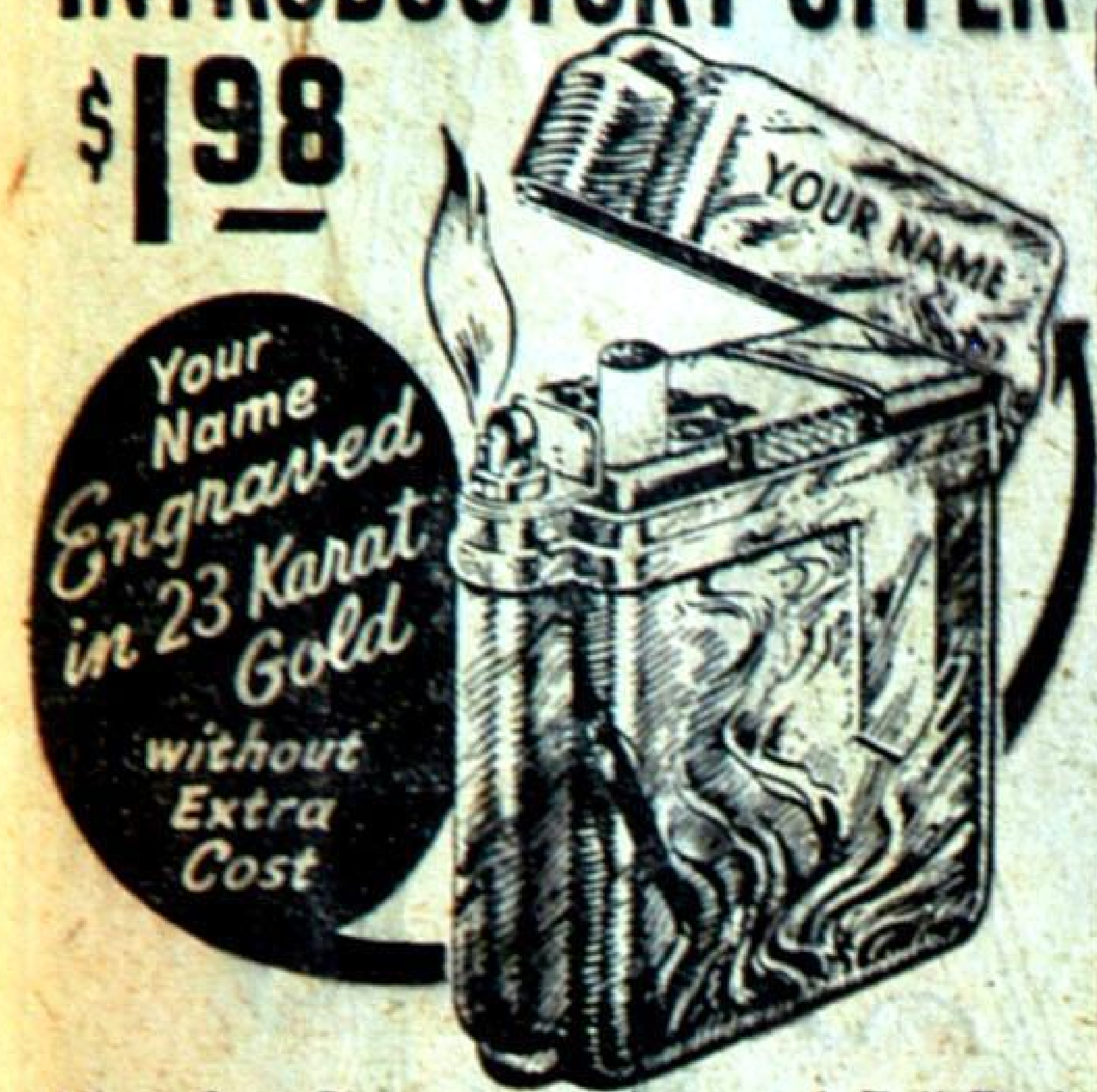
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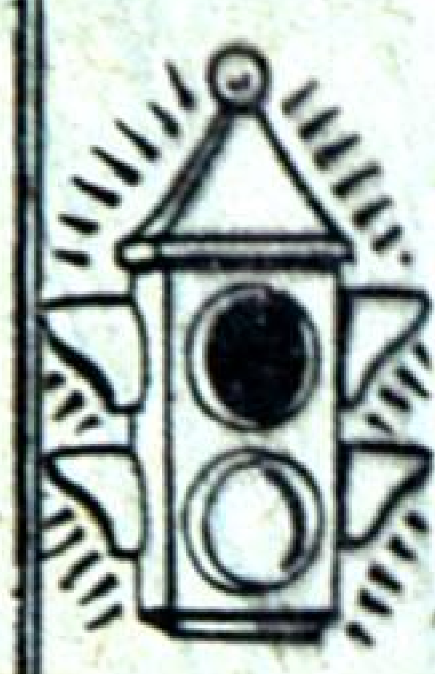

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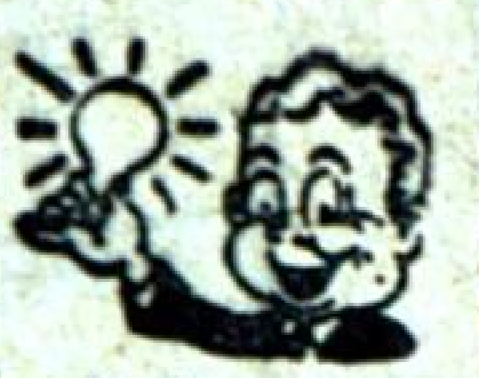

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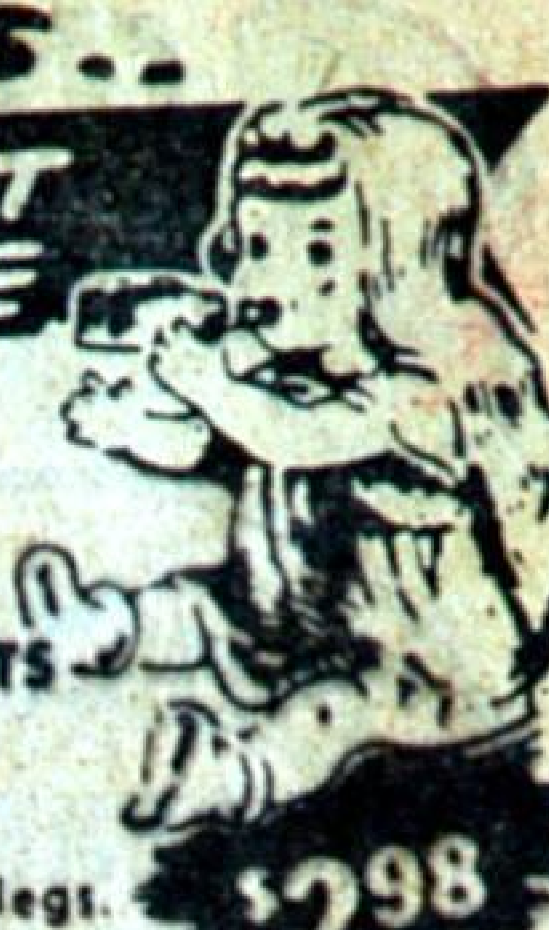

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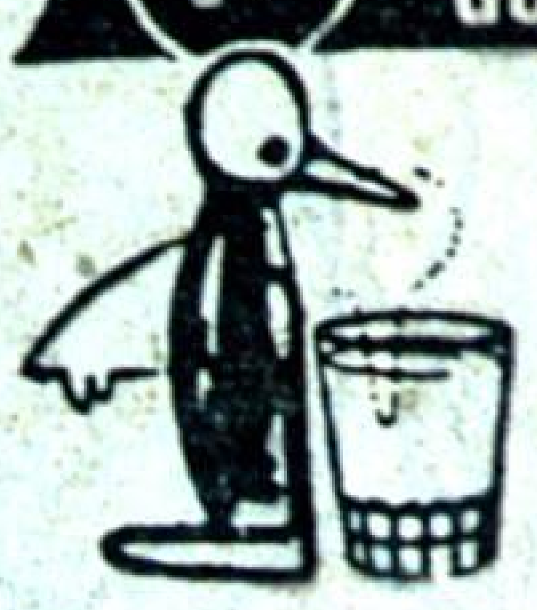

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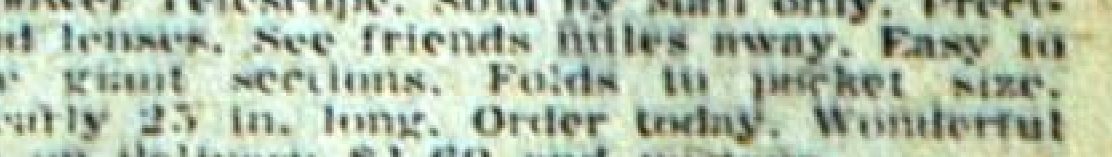

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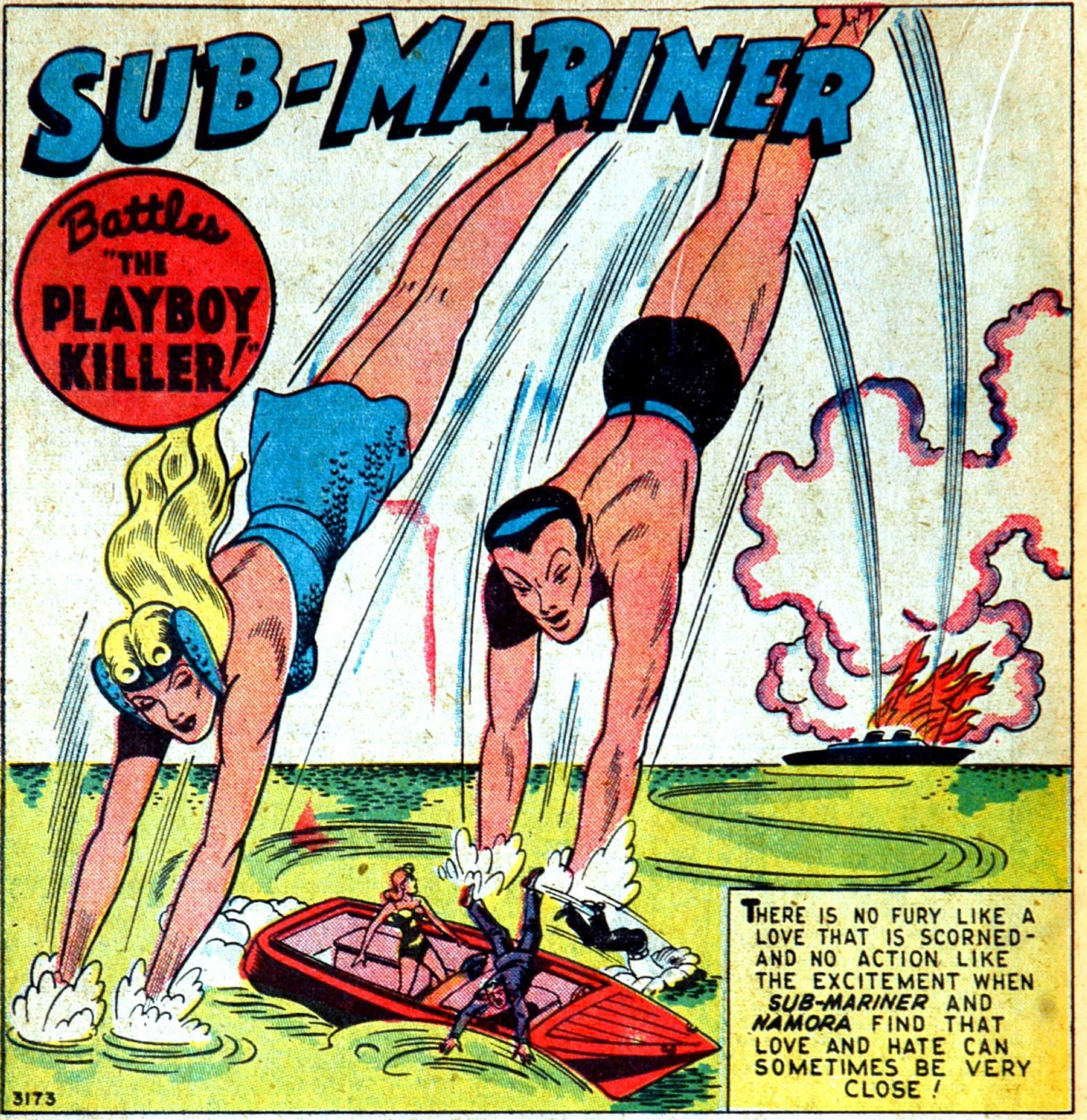
SUB-MARINER
Battles "THE PLAYBOY KILLER!"
THERE IS NO FURY LIKE A LOVE THAT IS SCORNED- AND NO ACTION LIKE THE EXCITEMENT WHEN *SUB-MARINER* AND *NAMORA* FIND THAT LOVE AND HATE CAN SOMETIMES BE VERY CLOSE!
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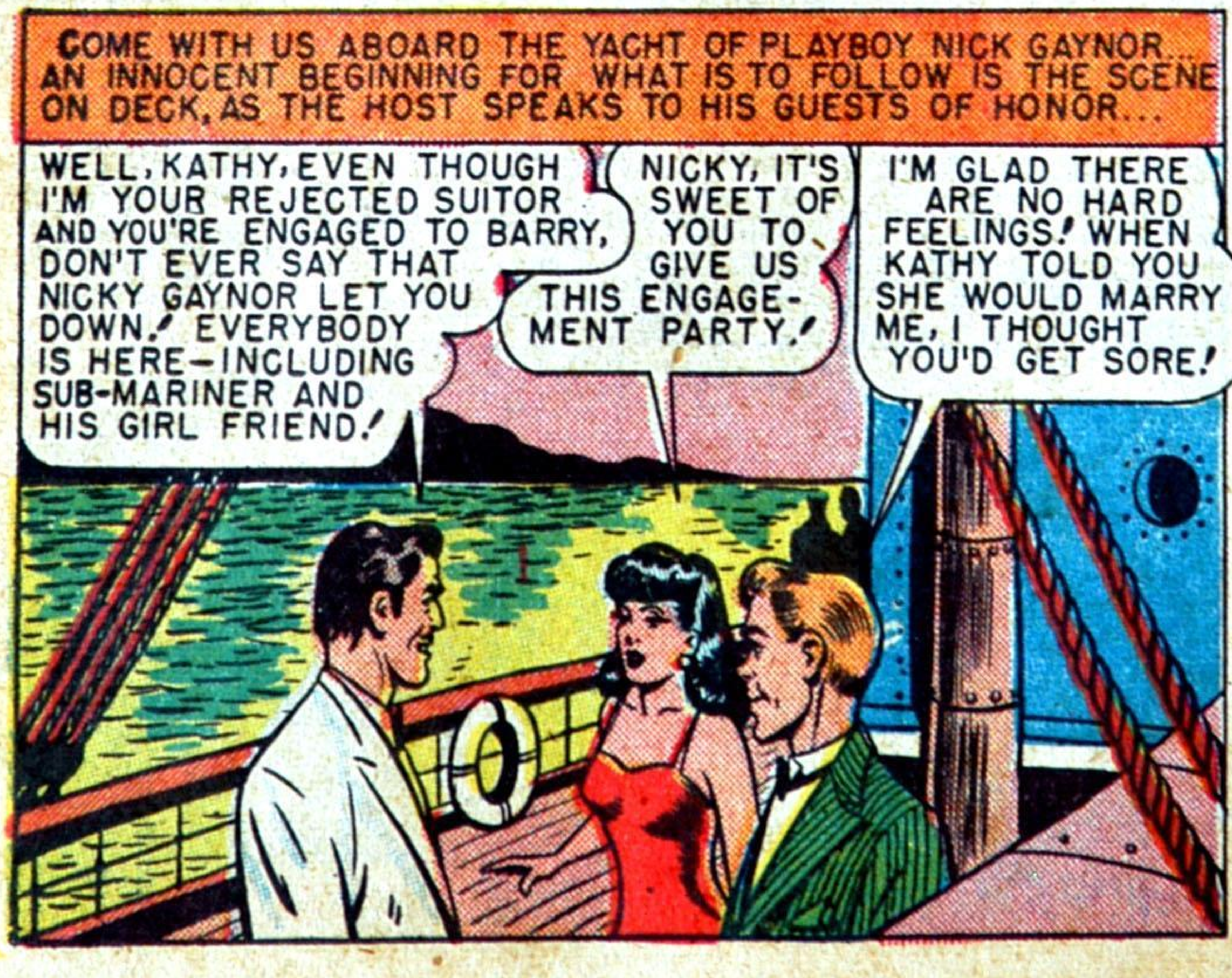
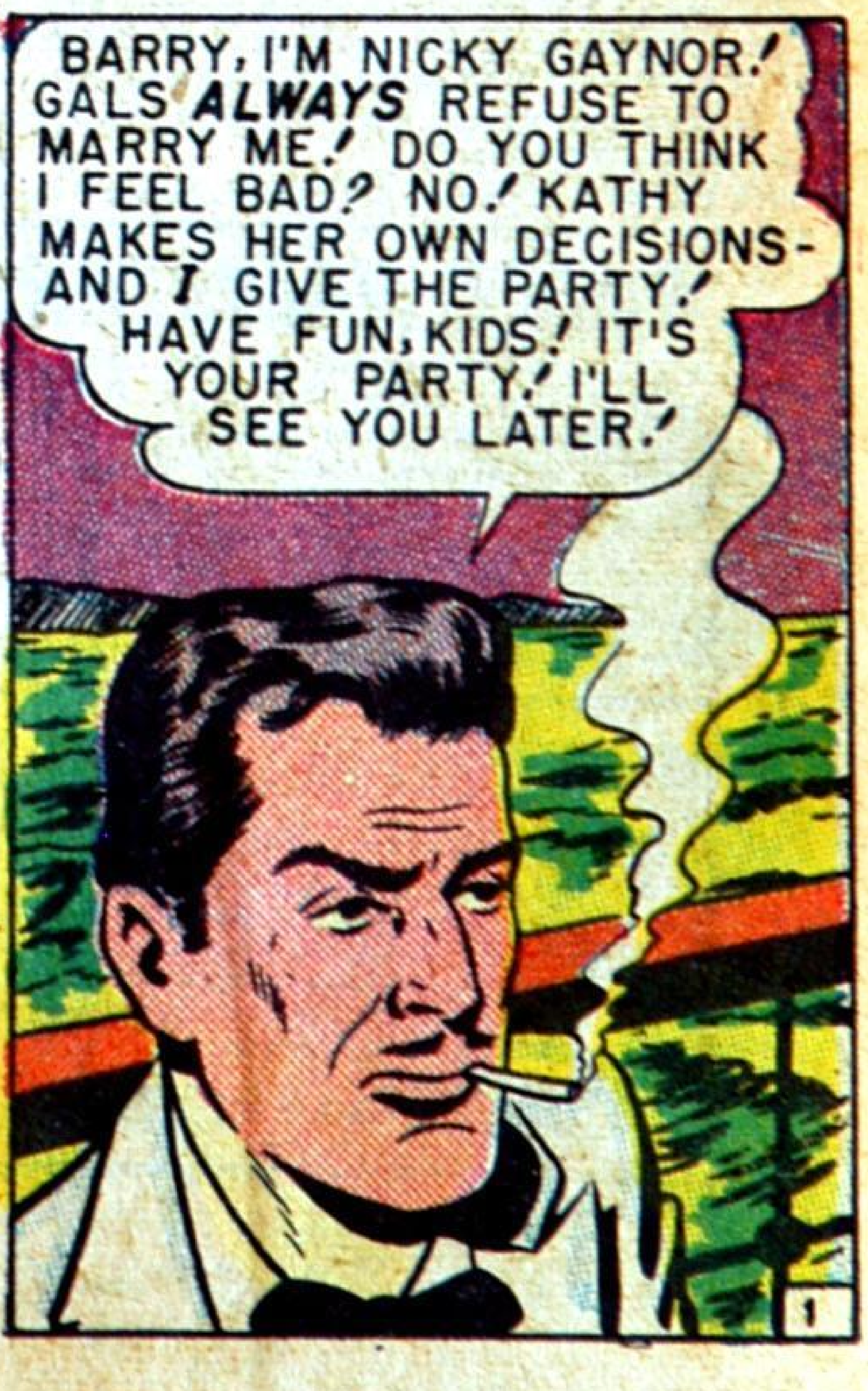

COME WITH US ABOARD THE YACHT OF PLAYBOY NICK GAYNOR... AN INNOCENT BEGINNING FOR WHAT IS TO FOLLOW IS THE SCENE ON DECK, AS THE HOST SPEAKS TO HIS GUESTS OF HONOR...
WELL, KATHY, EVEN THOUGH I'M YOUR REJECTED SUITOR AND YOU'RE ENGAGED TO BARRY, DON'T EVER SAY THAT NICKY GAYNOR LET YOU DOWN! EVERYBODY IS HERE—INCLUDING SUB-MARINER AND HIS GIRL FRIEND!
NICKY, IT'S SWEET OF YOU TO GIVE US THIS ENGAGEMENT PARTY!
I'M GLAD THERE ARE NO HARD FEELINGS! WHEN KATHY TOLD YOU SHE WOULD MARRY ME, I THOUGHT YOU'D GET SORE!


BARRY, I'M NICKY GAYNOR! GALS *ALWAYS* REFUSE TO MARRY ME! DO YOU THINK I FEEL BAD? NO! KATHY MAKES HER OWN DECISIONS- AND *I* GIVE THE PARTY! HAVE FUN, KIDS! IT'S YOUR PARTY! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!
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HOW ARE THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF THE BRINY DEEP? HAVING FUN?
SWELL, GAYNOR! BUT I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D TURNED NOBLE – GIVING AN ENGAGEMENT PARTY FOR THE GIRL WHO REJECTED YOU!
YES, NICK, QUITE A CHANGE FROM THE OLD SOREHEAD YOU USED TO BE!
OH, WELL! SAY, UH- CAPTAIN, YOU CAN TAKE THE SHIP FOR A SPIN NOW!
YEAH, SURE, MR. GAYNOR! I'LL GET SOMEBODY TO TAKE THE ANCHOR OUT OF THE WATER, YEAH!
IS THAT A NEW MASTER YOU HAVE, GAYNOR?
HIM? HE'S BEEN WITH ME FOR YEARS! AN OLD CAPE COD FISHING CAPTAIN, YOU KNOW! KNOWS THE SEA LIKE THE PALM OF HIS HAND! EXCUSE ME, NOW, I HAVE TO SEE HOW MY GUESTS ARE DOING!
DID YOU HEAR THAT SO-CALLED *CAPTAIN?* NO SEAFARING MAN WOULD EVER SAY, "TAKE THE ANCHOR OUT OF THE WATER!" HE'D SAY, *"WEIGH ANCHOR!"*
RIGHT! HE DIDN'T SOUND LIKE ANY CAPE COD CAPTAIN TO ME, EITHER! I THINK WE'D BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!
MAJESTICALLY THE TRIM CRAFT MOVES AHEAD WHILE THE STAGE IS SET FOR A STRANGE DRAMA...
AND THE TWO LOVERS MAKE THEIR HAPPY PLANS FOR THE FUTURE...
WHAT A NIGHT, HONEY! LET'S REMEMBER IT- ALWAYS!
I COULDN'T FORGET ANYTHING AS *BEAUTIFUL* AS *THIS!*
BUT OTHER PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THEM! THE FIRST STEP IS...
I... AHHH!
BARRY! MMMPAFT!
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SHE'S FAINTED! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!
YEAH! THE MOTOR BOAT IS FOLLOWING US! I'LL SET OFF THE FIRE BOMB, GIVE THE ALARM AND RAISE A FUSS WHILE YOU LUG THE DAME OUTSIDE INTO THE BOAT!
LATER, WHILE THE PARTY GOES ON IN THE SHIP SALON...
NAMOR! LOOK! SMOKE!
I'LL SEE IF I CAN TRACE IT BEFORE THERE'S A PANIC!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT..
FIRE! FIRE!
SHUT UP, YOU FOOL! YOU'LL CAUSE A PANIC!
NAMOR TAKES DECISIVE ACTION...
TAKE IT EASY! MOVE UP TO THE DECK AND STAND BY THE LIFEBOATS! LET THE WOMEN GO FIRST, AND THE FIRST MAN WHO MAKES A MOVE WILL ANSWER TO ME!
YES, WE'LL HURRY!
STEP LIVELY! THERE'S NO DANGER!
THE CROWD MOVES OBEDIENTLY, AND SOON THE LIFEBOATS ARE LOWERED --- AND ON DECK...
HMM ... WHAT'S NICK DOING WITH KATHY, AND WHERE'S BARRY?
KEEP AN EYE ON GAYNOR! I'M GOING TO FIND BARRY!
NAMOR HURRIES ALONG THE DECK LOOKING INTO THE LIFEBOATS- BUT FINDS NO SIGN OF BARRY...
HE MUST STILL BE ABOARD! I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!
MEANWHILE...
HMMM, THAT'S FUNNY! THE CAPTAIN SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE LAST MAN OFF THE SHIP, AND THERE HE'S LEAVING!
NAMORA, MY GIRL, THIS IS BEGINNING TO ADD UP TO SOMETHING—AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT! I HOPE NAMOR IS HAVING BETTER LUCK!

NAMOR IS! AFTER A HURRIED SEARCH OF THE SHIP, HE FINDS...
BARRY! I KNEW THERE WAS DIRTY WORK HERE!
HE QUICKLY RELEASES BARRY, AND...
COME ON! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE! I SAW NICK WITH KATHY! DID HE SLUG YOU?
I-I DON'T KNOW! BUT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO KATHY, I'LL...
HURRY! THEY WENT OFF IN THAT DIRECTION-IN A MOTOR BOAT!
WE'LL CATCH THEM! GET ON MY BACK, BARRY! YOU'RE GOING FOR A LITTLE RIDE! COME ON, NAMORA! THIS SHIP IS LIABLE TO BLOW UP ANY MINUTE!
EVEN THOUGH HE IS IMPEDED BY THE WEIGHT OF BARRY, NAMOR CHURNS THROUGH THE WATER AT UNBELIEVABLE SPEED! FOR HERE IN HIS OWN ELEMENT, THE PRINCE OF THE DEEP IS AT HIS BEST!
THERE'S THE BOAT!
OKAY, NAMORA! THEY WON'T GET AWAY!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
IT'S SUB-MARINER!
WE'LL SEE HOW HOW HE LIKES LEAD!
I DON'T LIKE LEAD-BUT WE'LL SEE HOW THE FISH LIKE YOU!
TALK, GAYNOR, BEFORE I LET YOU HAVE SOME MORE!
I-I WAS INSANELY JEALOUS WHEN KATHY CHOSE YOU! SO I WORKED UP THIS WHOLE PLOT! THE CAPTAIN WAS CHARLIE MANELLI, AN ARSONIST... AND... NOW I SEE HOW WRONG I WAS!
YOU'LL BE A LOT WRONGER WHEN THE JUDGE FINISHES SENTENCING YOU! THERE'S A BIG PENALTY FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER, YOU KNOW!
NAMOR FISHES THE CAPTAIN OUT OF THE WATER AND, TOGETHER WITH NICK, TURNS THEM OVER TO THE POLICE...
BARRY!
KATHY!
COME ON, NAMORA, THEY DON'T WANT US AROUND!
ISN'T LOVE WONDERFUL?
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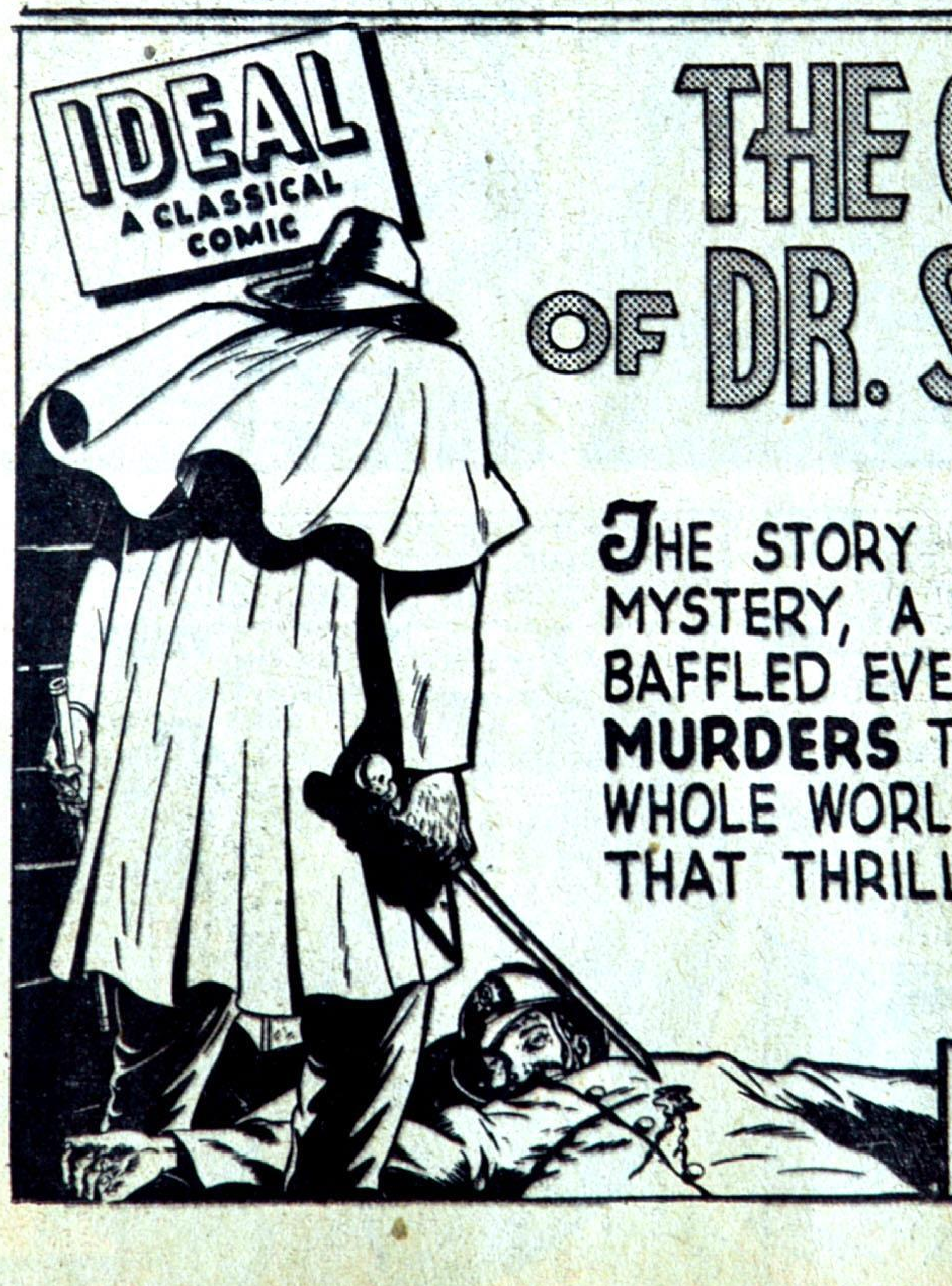

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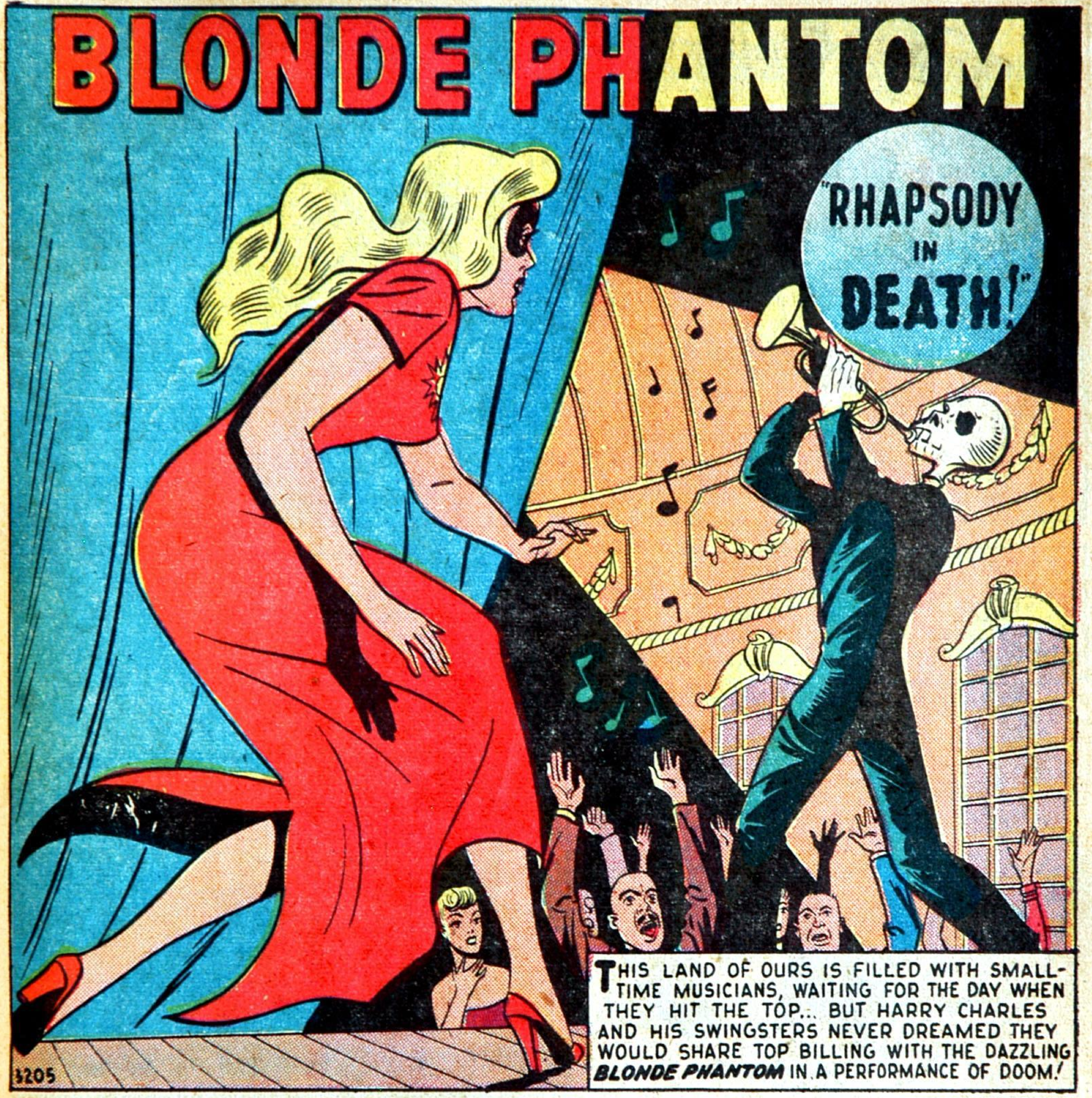
THIS LAND OF OURS IS FILLED WITH SMALL-TIME MUSICIANS, WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN THEY HIT THE TOP... BUT HARRY CHARLES AND HIS SWINGSTERS NEVER DREAMED THEY WOULD SHARE TOP BILLING WITH THE DAZZLING *BLONDE PHANTOM* IN A PERFORMANCE OF DOOM!
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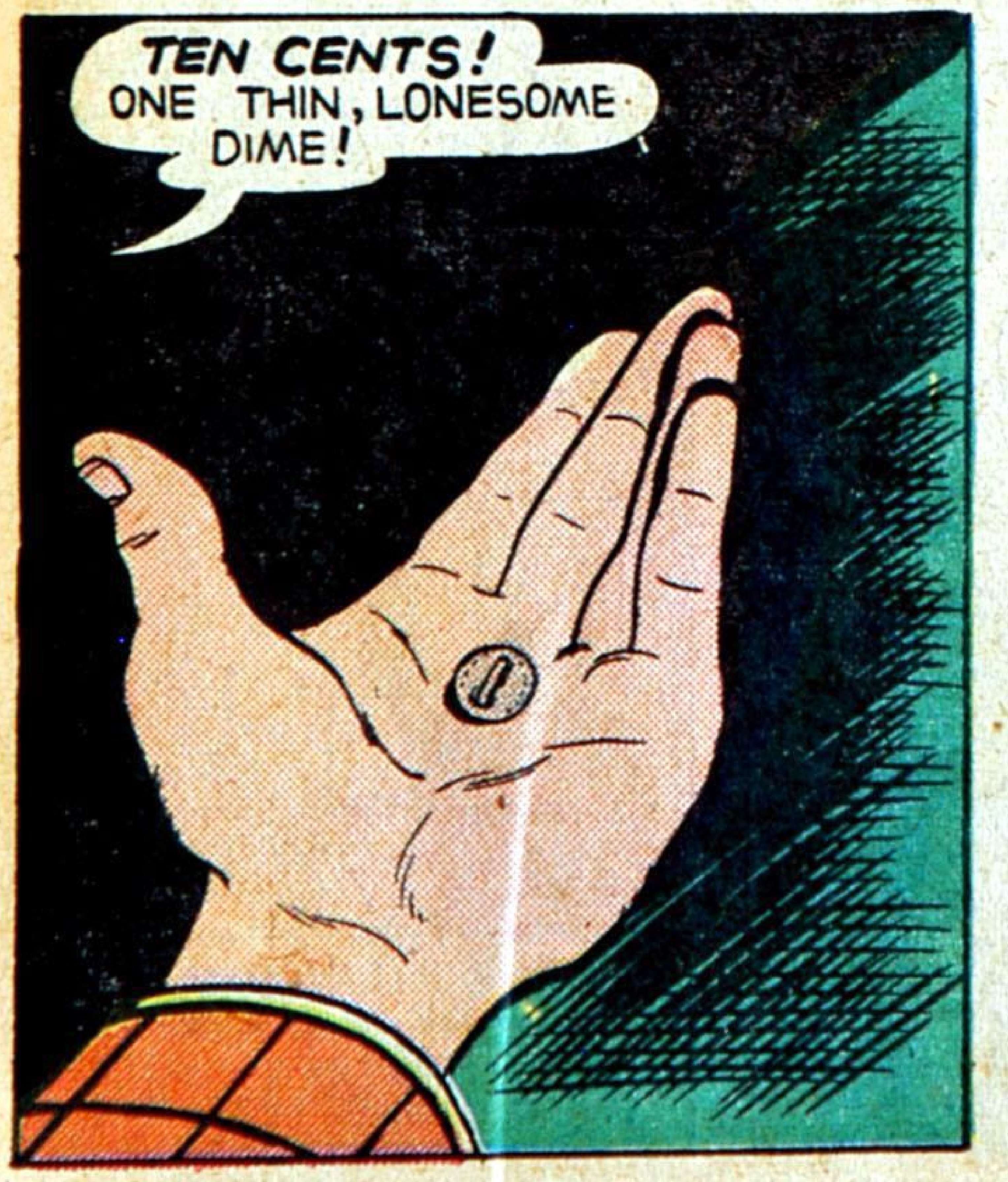
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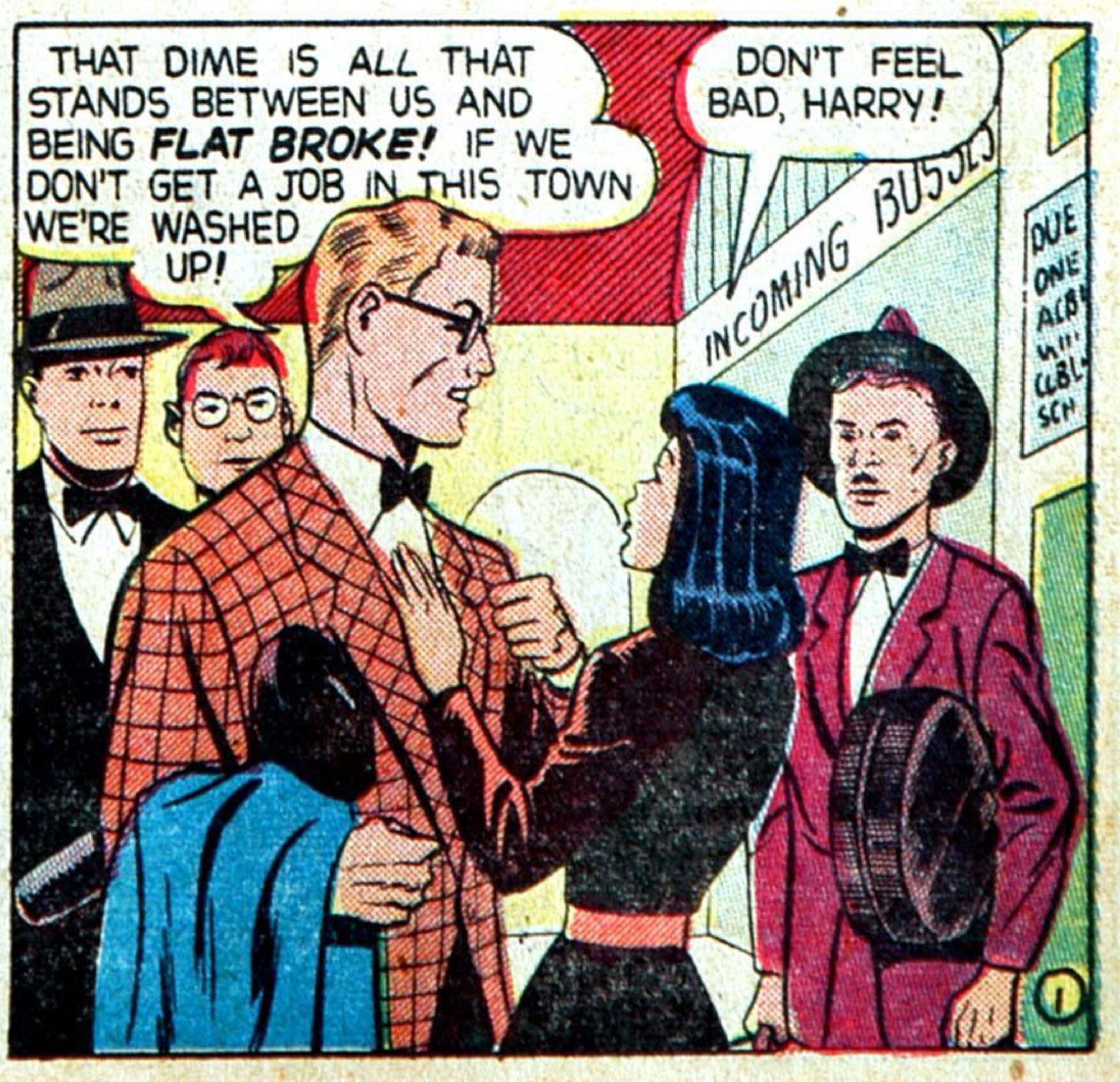
THAT DIME IS ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN US AND BEING *FLAT BROKE!* IF WE DON'T GET A JOB IN THIS TOWN WE'RE WASHED UP!
DON'T FEEL BAD, HARRY!
INCOMING BUSSES
DUE ONE
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YOU CAN ALWAYS GO BACK TO PLAYING A SOLO TRUMPET! AND MOST OF THE BOYS CAN LAND **SOME** KIND OF A JOB!
I HATE TO SEE THE OUTFIT BREAK UP! IF **ONLY** SOMEONE WOULD GIVE US A CHANCE TO PROVE WE'VE GOT THE STUFF! GUESS I'LL INVEST PART OF THIS DIME IN A NEWSPAPER!
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HARRY CHARLES' S ...STERS
SAY! **HERE'S** SOMETHING! "MR. AND MRS. SCHUYLER ARE GIVING A BANQUET FOR THE RENOWNED MUSICAL CRITIC, GREGORY FROST!"
WHAT DOES **THAT** BUY US?
DON'T YOU SEE? IF WE CAN PLAY AT THE SCHUYLER'S SHINDIG, WE MAY MAKE A DENT ON GREGORY FROST!
GOLLY! WE'D *REALLY* BE TRAVELING IN HIGH GEAR! IT'S WORTH A TRY, HARRY!
I'LL PAY THE SCHUYLERS A VISIT. WISH ME LUCK, GANG!
BUS TERMINALS
I'LL SAVE YOUR SHARE OF THE BENCH! AFTER ALL, YOU'LL NEED **SOME-PLACE** TO SLEEP TONIGHT!
LATER, AT THE SCHUYLER MANSION...
HMM! YOUR NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS SEEM ***QUITE*** FAVORABLE!
WE'RE WILLING TO WORK FOR A MINIMUM FEE, MR. SCHUYLER!
2
YOU'RE ENGAGED FOR THE EVENING! THIS WILL, OF COURSE, BE **THE** SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON, SO I HOPE YOUR MUSIC WILL BE OF AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD!
GULP! I'LL SAY IT **WILL!** --ER, I MEAN-- DON'T WORRY ABOUT *THAT*, MR. SCHUYLER!
WE'RE IN, GANG! WE MADE IT!
WONDERFUL! *I KNEW YOU'D COME THROUGH, HARRY!*
GOING BUSSES
INCOM
AND SO HARRY CHARLES BRINGS THE GOOD NEWS TO HIS WAITING CREW -- BUT ***IS*** IT GOOD NEWS? READ ON...

BUT THE BANQUET IS TOMORROW NIGHT! THAT STILL LEAVES US THE PROBLEM OF WHERE TO SLEEP TONIGHT!
SQUIRREL-NEST MANOR! AND I DO MEAN PUBLIC PARK! I HEAR IT'S FREE AND PERFECTLY AIR CONDITIONED!
That NIGHT...
YAWN-NNN! SLEEP TIGHT!
YEAH! AND DON'T LET THE PIGEONS BITE!
AND AT THIS MOMENT, NOT FAR DISTANT...
WELL, IF IT ISN'T MY OLD FRIEND, NICK SYMES!
THE BLONDE PHANTOM!!!
UNDERHILL & BEHN TOY FACTORY
YOU'VE BEEN LYING LOW A LONG TIME, NICK! I'LL BET YOU'RE RUNNING LOW OF FUNDS!
UGHHH!
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D STOOP TO ROBBING A TOY FACTORY!
WHUP!
HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN!
WHOOSH!
DON'T LOOK NOW, PHANTOM! BUT THERE'S SOMEBODY BEHIND YOU!
OOOF!

OHEEE-EEEEE!
BLONDE PHANTOM'S OUT COLD!
BEAT IT! HERE COME THE COPS! LISTEN TO THAT SIREN!
THE WHOLE CITY'S ALIVE WITH COPS!
THERE'S ONE PLACE WE CAN HIDE OUT! IF ONLY WE CAN REACH THE PUBLIC PARK!
P.D
SOON...
SO FAR, SO GOOD! ULP! I TRIPPED OVER SOMETHING!
HEY!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? CAN'T A GUY GET ANY SLEEP?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I PLAY THE SAX IN HARRY CHARLES' BAND! WE'RE KINDA BROKE, AND THE BOYS DECIDED TO ROUGH IT!
THAT SO? WE'RE TAKING ROOMS IN THE SAME HOTEL!
AS THE WEARY HOURS OF NIGHT DRAW TO A CLOSE...
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE SAFE, NICK! THE COPS DIDN'T SHOW UP!
I'VE BEEN TALKING TO THAT SAXOPHONE PLAYER! HE GAVE ME AN IDEA!
WE NEED DOUGH BAD! THE GUYS ARE PLAYING AT A SWANKY RECEPTION AT THE SCHUYLER MANSION TONIGHT! NOW HERE'S THE PLAN...

NEXT DAY, AS HARRY CHARLES AND HIS SWINGSTERS ARE ENROUTE TO THE SCHUYLER MANSION...
MAYBE THIS GUY WILL GIVE US A LIFT!
WOW! LOOK AT THE WAY HE SPUN THAT CAR AROUND!
WHAT TH'...?
DON'T TRY ANY HEROICS! MY PAL, HERE, HAS A NERVOUS *TRIGGER FINGER!*
IF THIS IS A STICKUP... YOU PICKED THE WRONG VICTIMS! WE'RE SO BROKE IT HURTS!
YOU'RE PLAYING FOR THE SCHUYLERS TO-NIGHT... BUT THERE'S A *SLIGHT* CHANGE IN THE PROGRAM! ME AND MY BOYS ARE GONNA BE IN YOUR ORCHESTRA!
YOU MUST BE *CRAZY!* YOU ARE *NOT* MUSICIANS!
YOU CAN FAKE ENOUGH TO COVER US! I'M LEAVING ONE OF MY BOYS HERE WITH YOUR GIRL FRIEND... JUST SO YOU PLAY IT *MY* WAY!
MEANWHILE... AT THE SCHUYLER MANSION ...
I'M DEPENDING ON YOU, MASON, TO SEE TO IT THAT NO *UNINVITED* GUESTS APPEAR!
YOU WON'T BE DISTURBED, MR. SCHUYLER!
THE BIG SHOT'S WORRIED THAT A COUPLE OF CRASHERS MIGHT GET INTO HIS PRIVATE BLOW-OFF! FUNNY, EH, LOUISE?
THERE'LL BE A *MILLION DOLLARS* WORTH OF JEWELRY ON DISPLAY... HE SHOULD BE WORRYING ABOUT THAT! IT'S PRACTICALLY AN ENGRAVED INVITATION TO CROOKS!
SCHUYLER
HOLD IT! ALL GUESTS HAVE TO SHOW THEIR *INVITATIONS!*
'SOKAY! MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA THAT'S PLAYING TONIGHT!

WHAT A JOB I'VE GOT! WHEN I TOOK OUT A PRIVATE DETECTIVE'S LICENSE, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BECOME A GLORIFIED BUTLER!
I RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE MEN IN THAT STATION WAGON! SLATS LOUIE...NICK SYMES' HENCHMAN! AND THAT FELLOW WITH HIS HAT PULLED DOWN LOOKED LIKE NICK HIMSELF!
SO LONG, MARK! I'M GOING TO PEEK IN AT THE PARTY! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES!
HEY, YOU CAN'T DO THAT, LOUISE! I'M SUPPOSED TO KEEP CRASHERS OUT!
BUT MARK MASON DOESN'T KNOW THAT HIS SECRETARY, LOUISE GRANT, IS REALLY THE BLONDE PHANTOM!
I'M GLAD I KEPT MY COSTUME IN THIS HIDDEN COMPARTMENT! THE BLONDE PHANTOM MAY BE NEEDED TONIGHT!
LATER...IN THE GRAND BALLROOM OF THE SCHUYLER MANSION...
I-I CAN'T KEEP MY MIND ON WHAT I'M DOING...AND NEITHER CAN THE BOYS! WHAT A SPOT TO BE IN...AND ON OUR FIRST, BIG CHANCE, TOO!
AND, AT THE TABLE OF GREGORY FROST, THE MUSIC CRITIC...
DID YOU ENGAGE A GROUP OF AMATEUR MUSICIANS, MR. SCHUYLER? THEY AREN'T VERY GOOD!
QUITE SO! I...UH...INTEND TO TALK TO THIS HARRY CHARLES AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY!
SUDDENLY, THE MUSIC IS INTERRUPTED BY A COLD, STERN VOICE!
TIME FOR INTERMISSION, FOLKS!

NOW MY MEN WILL PASS AMONG YOU TO TAKE UP A COLLECTION!
EEK! IT'S A ROBBERY!
A NEAT LITTLE SCHEME! BUT IT'S GONE QUITE FAR ENOUGH!
WHA-? YOU AGAIN!
HARR
THANKS FOR THE CRASHING WELCOME!
THIS IS OUR CHANCE, BOYS! LET'S GO!
HUHHH?
MOMENTS LATER...
NOT MUCH FIGHT LEFT IN THEM!
BUT MY GIRL—AND TWO OF MY MUSICIANS—THEY'RE BEING HELD CAPTIVE NEAR THE HIGHWAY HALF A MILE DOWN! IF NICK DOESN'T SHOW UP, THEY'LL BE KILLED!
STOP WORRYING! I'LL HANDLE THIS!
IT'S NEARLY THE DEADLINE NOW! WHAT'S KEEPING NICK?
MAYBE HE BLEW HIS BRAINS OUT--- ON A TUBA!

SMART BOY, AINCHA? IF NICK DOESN'T SHOW UP IN ONE MINUTE, I'M GONNA *BLAST YOU* AND LAM OUTA HERE!
I WAS ONLY KIDDING!
BUT *I'M* NOT!
EE-OOW!
BANG!
NICK'S BEEN UNAVOIDABLY DETAINED! BUT DON'T WORRY! *I'LL* TAKE YOU TO MEET HIM... IN *JAIL!*
THE BLONDE PHANTOM! THANK HEAVENS!
BACK AT THE SCHUYLER MANSION!
THE BOYS ARE RIGHT BACK ON THE BEAM AGAIN!
WHEN I'M ALONE WITH YOU!
EX'TR'INARY! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S THE SAME BAND! THEY'RE REMARKABLY GOOD... AND I INTEND TO SAY SO IN MY COLUMN ... TOMORROW!
HMM... QUITE SO... QUITE *SO!*
AFTER THE GUESTS HAVE DEPARTED...
EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT HARRY CHARLES' BAND! HEARD THEM AS WE WERE LEAVING!
THEY'RE GOOD, MARK! THEIR SUCCESS IS LONG OVERDUE!
IF IT WASN'T FOR THE BLONDE PHANTOM, WE WOULD NEVER HAVE CRACKED THIS CASE! ISN'T SHE *WONDERFUL,* LOUISE?
YES, I SUPPOSE SO, MARK!
OH, WHEN *WILL* HE THINK AS MUCH ABOUT *ME?*
THE END

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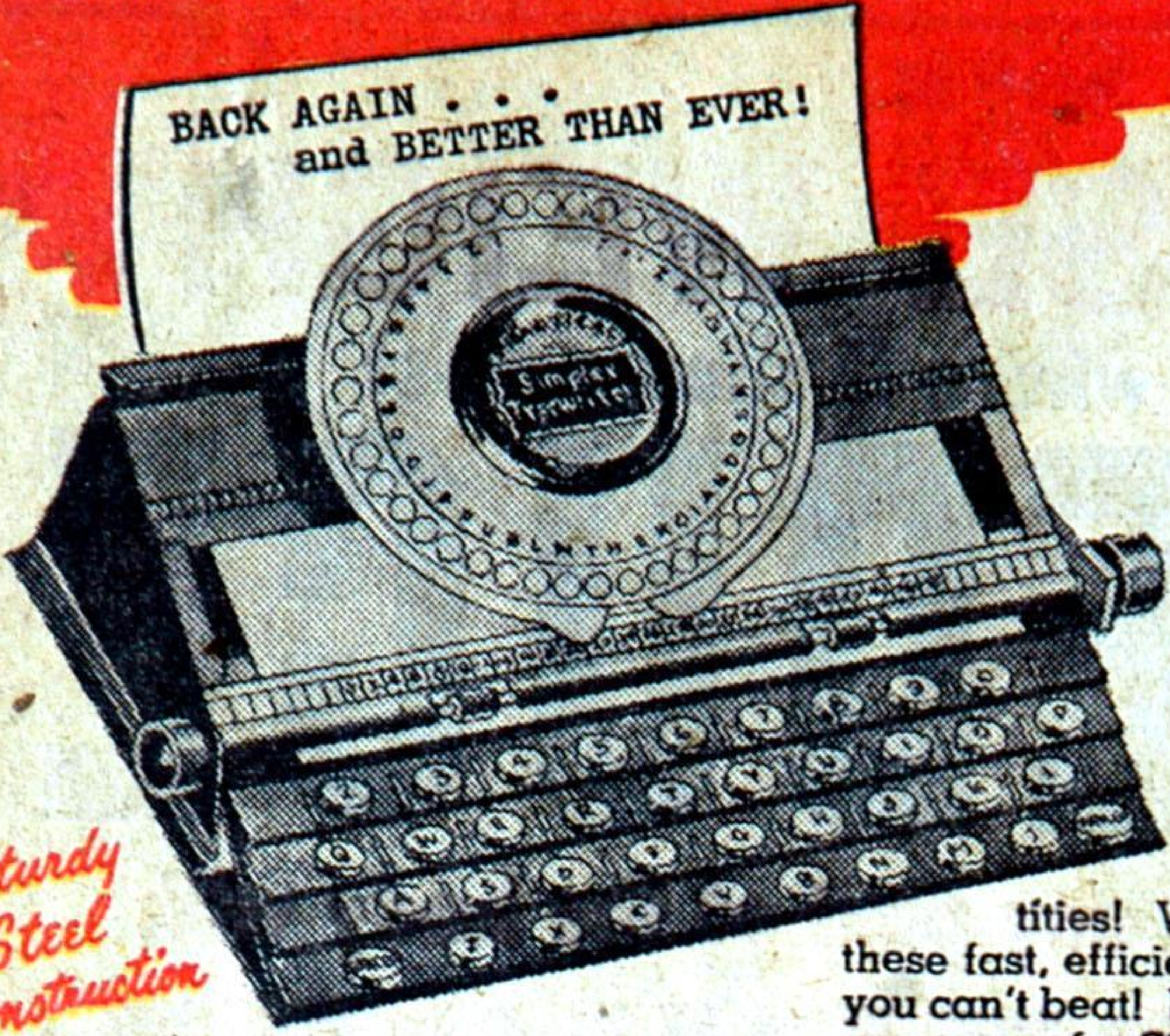
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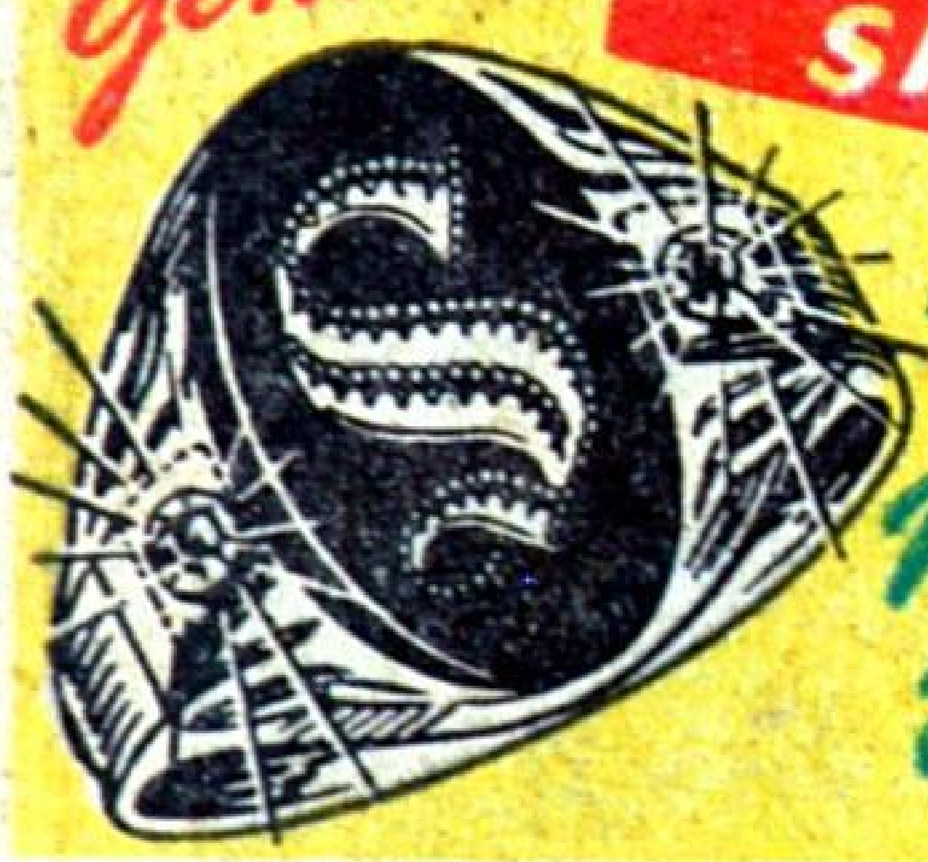

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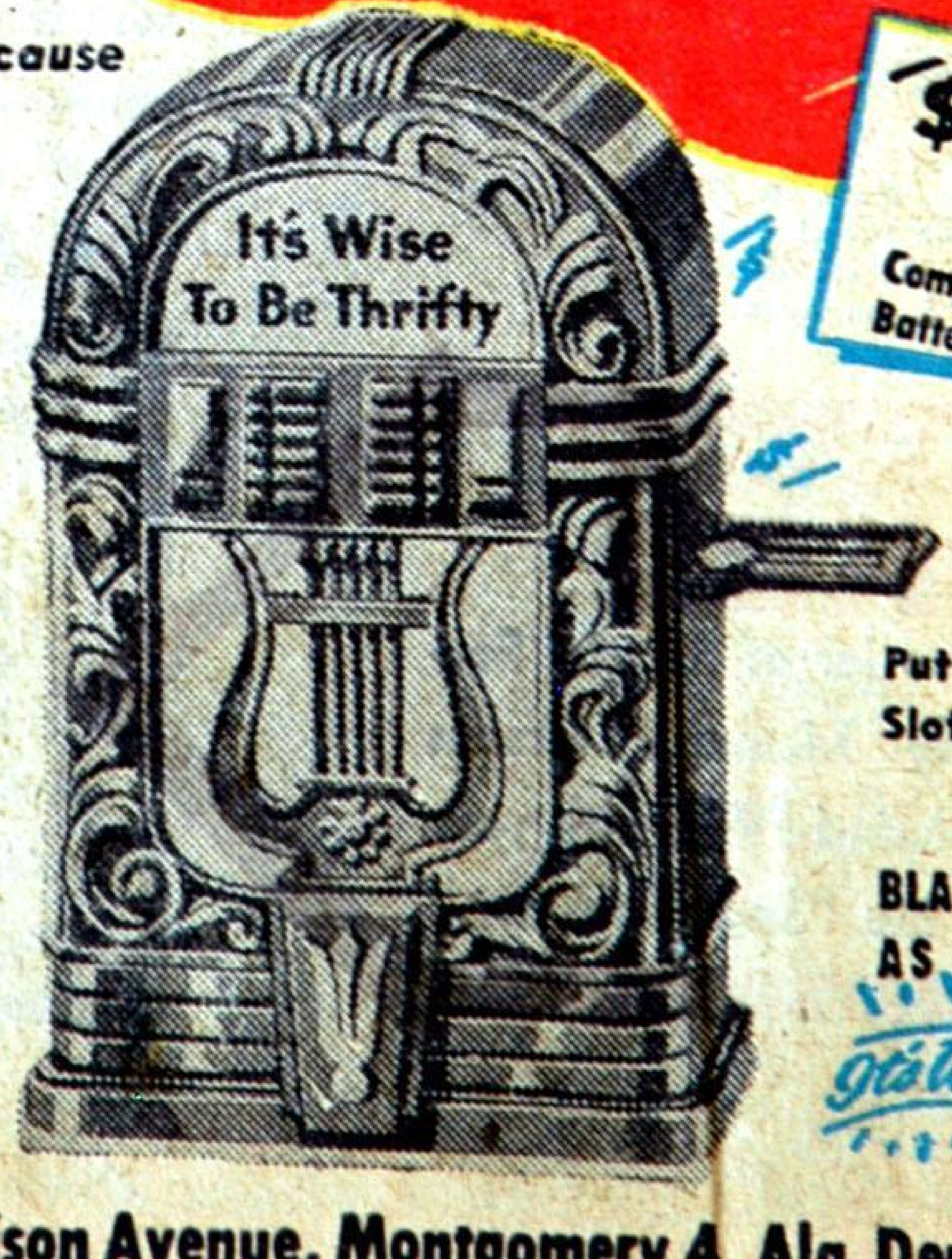
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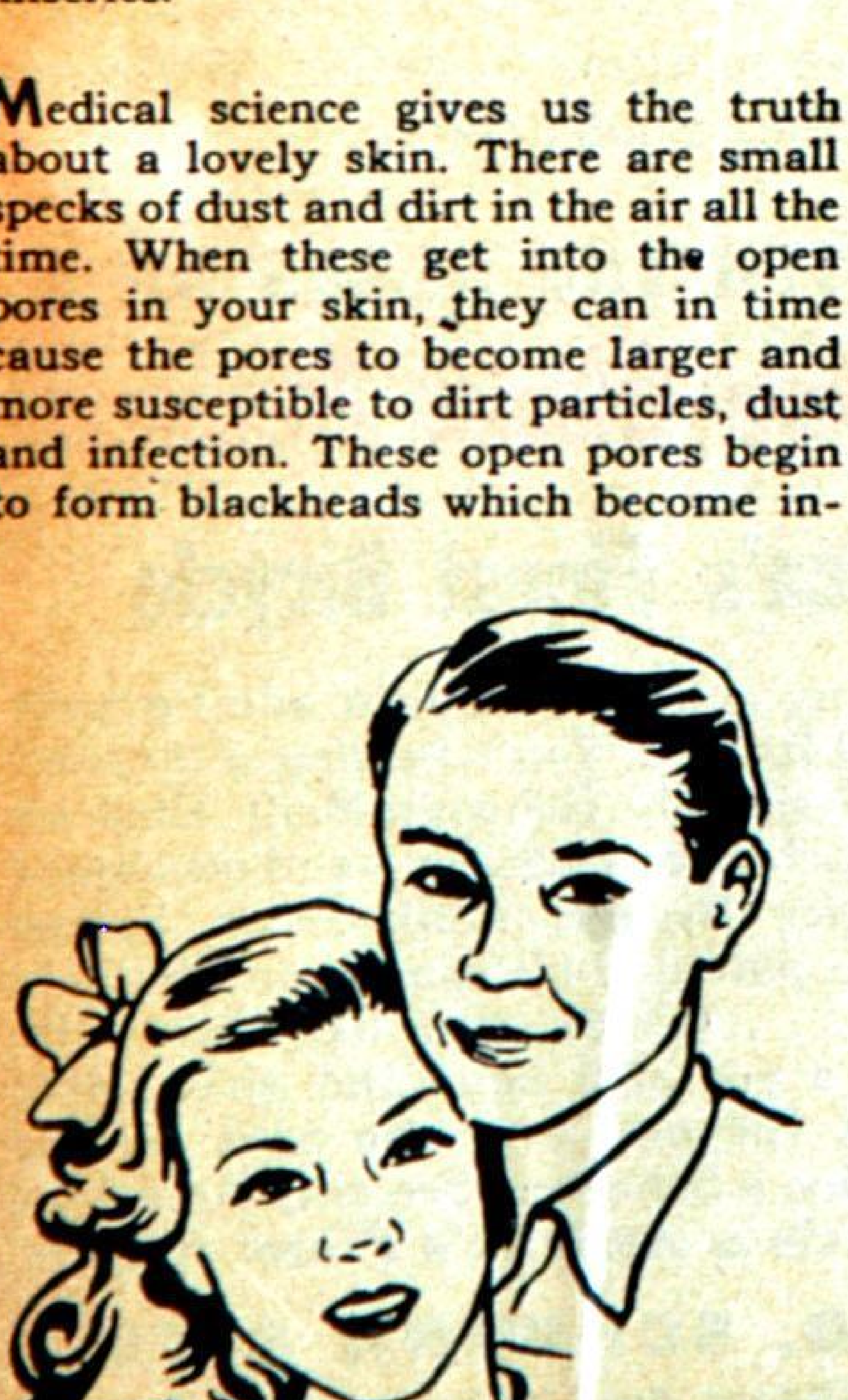
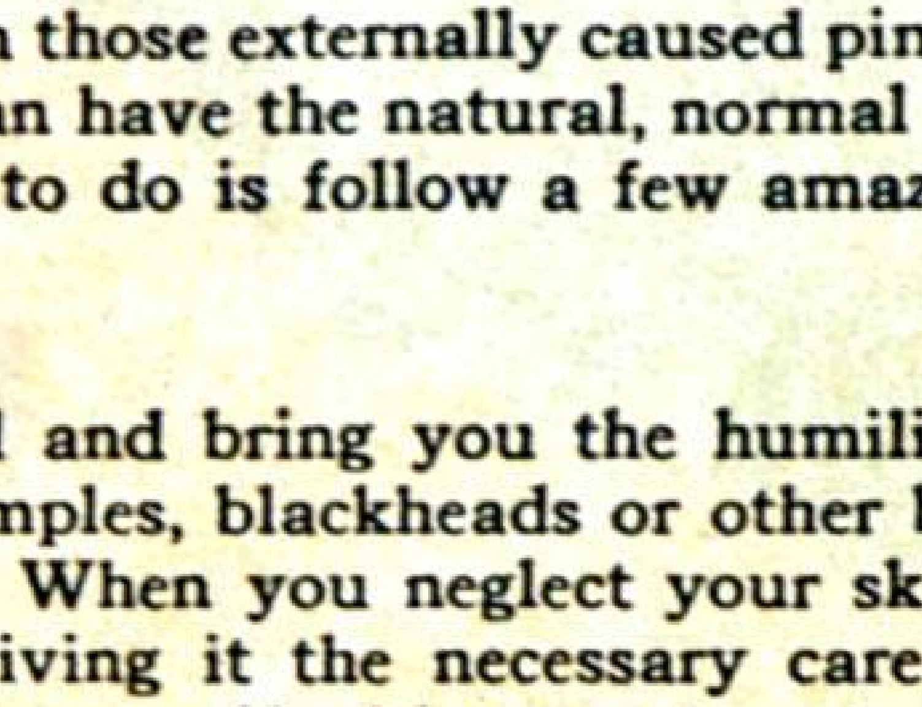
Have you ever stopped to realize that the leading screen stars whom you admire, as well as the beautiful models who have lovely, soft white skin, were all born *just like you* with a lovely smooth skin?

The truth is that many girls and women do not give their skin a chance to show off the natural beauty that lies hidden underneath those externally caused pimples, blackheads and irritations. For almost anyone can have the natural, normal complexion which is in itself beauty. All you have to do is follow a few amazingly simple rules.

Many women shut themselves out of the thrills of life — dates, romance, popularity, social and business success — only because sheer neglect has robbed them of the good looks, poise and feminine self-assurance which could so easily be theirs. Yes, everybody looks at your face. The beautiful complexion, which is yours for the asking, is like a permanent card of admission to all the good things of life that every woman craves. And it really can be yours—take my word for it! — no matter how discouraged you may be this very minute about those externally caused skin miseries.

Medical science gives us the truth about a lovely skin. There are small specks of dust and dirt in the air all the time. When these get into the open pores in your skin, they can in time cause the pores to become larger and more susceptible to dirt particles, dust and infection. These open pores begin to form blackheads which become infected and bring you the humiliation of pimples, blackheads or other blemishes. When you neglect your skin by not giving it the necessary care, you leave yourself wide open to externally caused skin miseries. Yet proper attention with the double Viderm treatment may mean the difference between enjoying the confidence a fine skin gives you or the embarrassment of an ugly, *un*beautiful skin that makes you want to hide your face.





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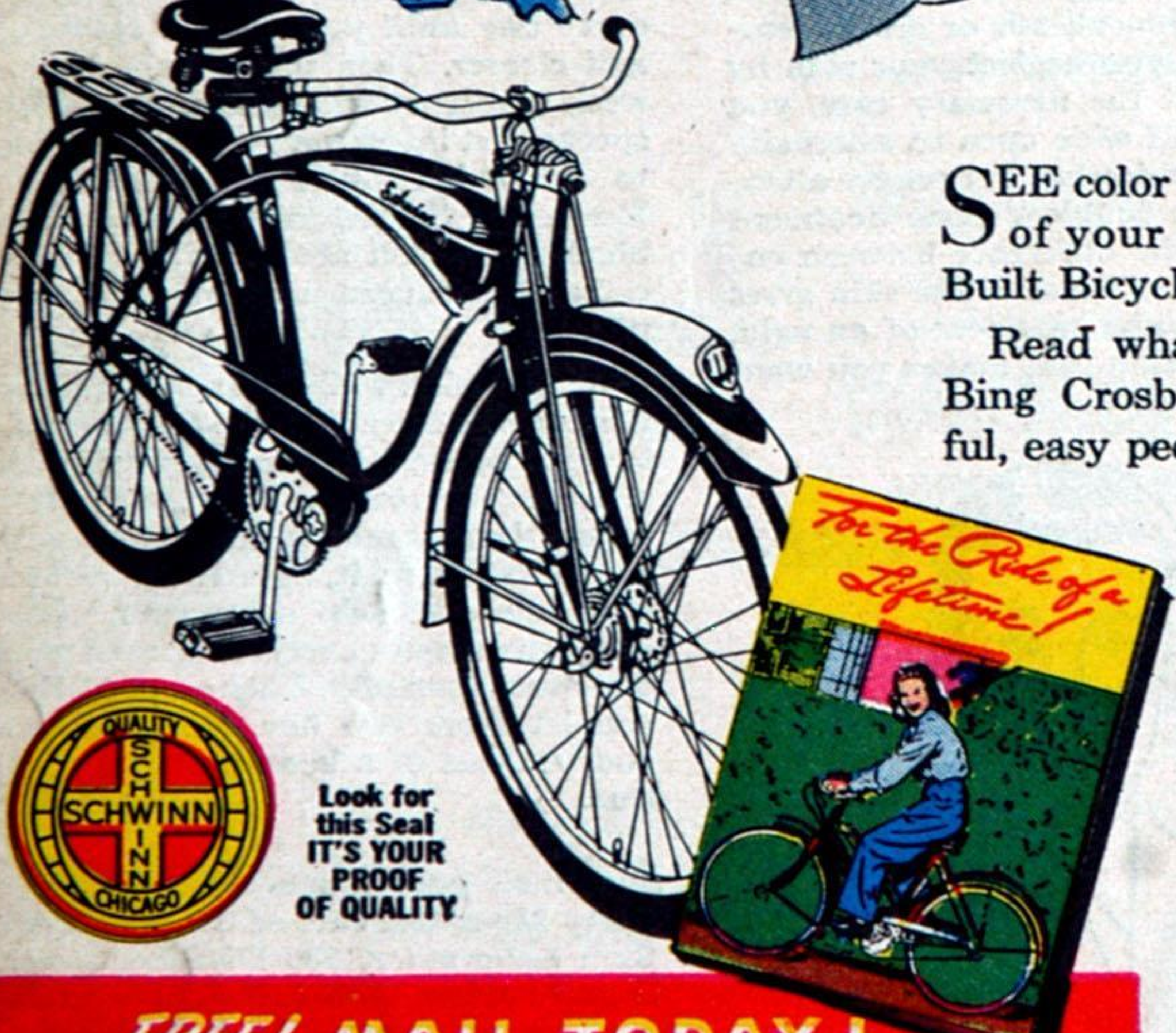
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